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1. That the recommendation came from the hospital's board of directors who were closer to the operation and maintenance of the hospital and thus were in a position to know what was best for the institution.

2. That the federal government has become involved in the operation of the hospital even without the hospital using federal money, and that the government will likely become more involved.

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Speakers for the program were announced by Robert S. Denny, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance in Washington, D. C.

Part of every program day will be devoted to discussion among the expected 5,000 delegates divided into 200 small groups, said Denny.

"We are anxious for all these young people, coming from as many as 60 countries, to know each other and to understand one another's problems. They can gain inspiration and share ideas," Denny said.

Overall theme for the conference will be "One World, One Lord, One Witness."

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SBC Themes For Houston Picked By Committee

HOUSTON (BP) — Theme for the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets here June 4-7, 1968 will be "Good News For Today's World," a convention committee has decided.

The general theme for the convention, plus themes for each session, were selected by the Southern Baptist Convention committee on order of business headed by J. Norris Palmer, pastor of First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La.

Opening session of the convention, which features the annual sermon, will be "Good News Through Preaching."

Sessions on Wednesday, June 6, will feature the themes "Good News Through The Churches," "Through Christian Morality," and "For The Homeland."

Thursday sessions, June 7, themes will be "Good News For The Academic Community," and "For The Nations," while Friday session themes will be "Good News of Christian Brotherhood," "Good News For The Secular Community," and "Good News Forever."

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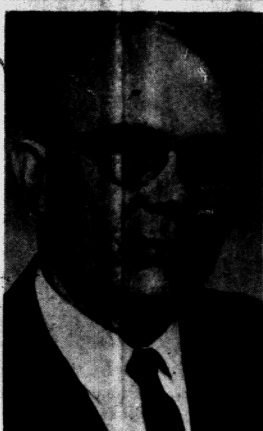
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"BY IMMERSION ONLY"

N. C. Association Sets New Membership Rule

By Toby Drinn
Associate Editor
Biblical Recorder

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP) — Mecklenburg Baptist Association, after a three-hour debate, voted here to limit its membership to churches which require their members to be baptized by immersion.

By a 214-130 vote, the association adopted an amendment to its bylaws, effective one day before the association meets for its annual session next fall.

The amendment states: "All churches affiliated with this association shall be churches who use the New Testament

as the statement of their faith and church polity and require that all candidates, who are physically able, be immersed in water, on the basis of belief in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to qualify for membership."

Approval of the amendment means that at least two churches now affiliated with the association will not be members next fall if they are still following current practices.

The two are St. John's Baptist Church and Myers Park Baptist Church, both of which accept without subsequent immersion members who have

been sprinkled or affused (poured) as members of other denominations.

St. John's Church adopted the policy last spring and insists that such candidates for membership must have been sprinkled or affused after belief in Christ as Savior.

Myers Park Church makes no such distinction and has had a virtual open membership policy since 1949.

During the three hours of debate, several attempts were made to sidetrack the vote. One would have made the amendment a constitutional change requiring a two-thirds vote instead of majority approval necessary for a bylaws amendment.

Another attempt would have expressed disapproval of the two churches' practices but would have taken no punitive action. Still another motion would have adjourned the meeting without any action at all.

The bylaws amendment as offered by H. L. Ferguson, pastor of Thomasboro Baptist Church in Charlotte, got the final approval on a simple majority after sharp disagreement over whether it should be a constitutional amendment or a bylaw change.

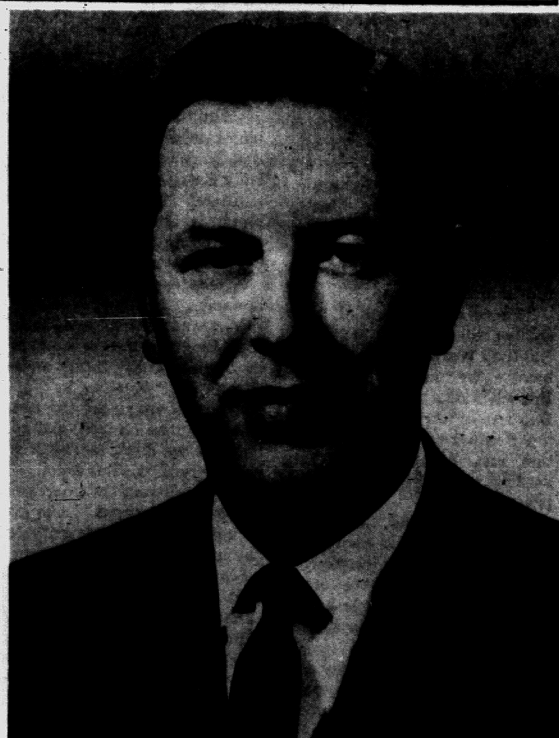
Robert Lasater, associate minister at St. John's Church, argued that it must be an amendment to the constitution "which determines the nature of the organization." Saying the measure was a bylaw change was out of order, Lasater argued: "You cannot amend your constitution by bylaw."

Ferguson countered by saying that only the bylaws of the association list rules of affiliation.

The messengers ruled that the amendment could be to the bylaws. The decision was crucial since the 214 votes for the amendment represented only 62 per cent of the total.

Speaking for his amendment, Ferguson argued that the issue was not local church autonomy or the exercise of ecclesiastical authority by the association. The issue, he said, is whether or not the as-

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Dr. H. Franklin Paschall



Rev. Leroy Smith



Dr. Leslie Wright

LEADING SPEAKERS SET FOR CONVENTION

A large number of outstanding speakers will be featured at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, planned for Jackson, Nov. 14-16.

Featured will be the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, and the pastor of the convention's largest church, Dr. W. A. Criswell.

Dr. Paschall, pastor of Nashville's First Baptist Church, will be the featured speaker at Tuesday evening's session.

Dr. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, will bring the closing inspirational message at the Thursday afternoon session at the First Baptist Church and will also be the featured speaker for the annual youth night session Thursday evening in the Mississippi Coliseum.

Dr. C. E. Autrey, director of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will deliver the principal address at the Tuesday afternoon session.

A native Mississippian, Dr. David Q. Byrd, pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., will bring the closing inspirational message

at the Wednesday morning session.

Dr. Byrd was pastor of Poplar Springs Drive Baptist Church, Meridian, at the time he resigned to accept the Tennessee pastorate.

Dr. Leslie Wright, president of Samford University, Birmingham formerly Howard College, will be the featured speaker Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Wright is a new-comer to the state convention program.

The principal speaker (Continued on Page 2)

IN GREENVILLE

Students Will Meet

Up to 1000 Mississippi Baptist college students are expected to attend the annual State Baptist Student Convention to be held at First Baptist Church in Greenville Dec. 1-3.

Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director of the Department of Student Work of the State Convention Board, sponsoring agency, said the students would come from the more than 30 colleges and schools in the state.

Presiding will be Robert Fischer, a student at Mississippi State University and president of the State Baptist Student Convention. Conference theme will be "Unto the Least of These."

Principal speakers will be Dr. Wm. M. Pinson, associate professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.; Ed Seabough, associate in Student Department of Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; and Grady Nutt, director of alumni affairs and assistant to the president, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

A special feature will be presentation on Friday night of "Good News," a 55-minute folk musical that presents the challenge of Christianity to today's youth.

So far as is known this will be the first time this presentation will be given in the state, according to Mr. Winders.

The presentation will be given under direction of the BSU organizations of MSCW and Mississippi State University.

It contains 20 original religious folk songs, drama, comedy and monologues. It will have accompaniment by various types of instruments and the singing group from the two schools will number well over 100.

Vaughan Will Direct
Billy Vaughan, minister of music of First Baptist Church, Columbus will direct, assisted by Joe Ray Underwood, BSU choir director at Mississippi State and the BSU directors of the two schools, Miss Gail El-road and Harold Gully.

Other features will include a series of simultaneous conferences, reports from 1967

BSU summer missionaries business session, presentation of 1968 summer missions program and special music.

Conference leaders will include Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson; Rev. James Yates, pastor First Baptist Church, Yazoo City; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, executive director, Christian Action Commission of Mississippi Baptist Convention; Dr. Perry Claxton, pastor of host church; Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent of Baptist Children's Village, Jackson; Allen Orr, Missionary Journeyman to Philippines; Neil Jones, US-2er to El Paso Texas; Dr. Pinson, Mr. Nutt, Mr. Seabough and Mr. Baker.

Baptists In New England In New Organization

BRUNSWICK, Maine (BP) — The New England Baptist Association meeting here voted to split into three smaller associations and band together in a new organization they called the General Association of Baptists in New England.

The three new associations will be the Upper New England Baptist Association which includes churches in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont; the Massachusetts Baptist Association; and the Southern New England Baptist Association including churches in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Organization of the new general association composed of three groups took place at the Maine Street Baptist Church here.

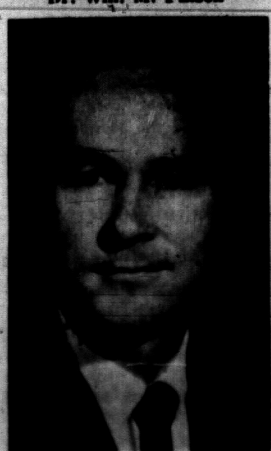
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Robert Fischer



Dr. Wm. M. Pinson



Dick Baker

Florida College May Yield To Graham School

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (BP) — Plans for the proposed Florida Baptist College near here have been "put on ice" until Evangelist Billy Graham decides whether or not he will build a major university here.

Graham said recently he was considering 17 sites for such a university, and that his board would make a decision "before Christmas."

The trustees of Florida Baptist College have voted to recommend that the Baptist institution be dissolved if Graham decides to build a university near here.

In Dallas recently, Graham said he was considering establishing a university that would be "the West Point of Christian education" to train ministers and other religion specialists.

Graham said that such a school would cost in the neighborhood of \$80 million, but that the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association had no funds for such a college. Graham said his role would be to raise funds for the school, help enlist faculty administration, and perhaps serve as chairman of the board.

State Men To 'Make' Gold Coast Crusade

Sixteen Mississippi Baptist men will participate in the Gold Coast Laymen's Evangelistic Crusade to be held in the Greater Miami area Nov. 3-11.

Rev. Elmer Howell, secretary of the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said that the Mississippi men would join several hundred other Baptist men from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention who will conduct the giant witnessing crusade.

Over 1,000,000 people live in the Greater Miami area, with over one-half of those being non-evangelicals, according to Mr. Howell.

He said that the activities of the laymen will include visitation, personal witnessing, testimonies, messages before the churches, appearances before civic groups and the enlistment of men in soul-winning.

At least two visiting men will be assigned to each participating church or mission to (Continued on Page 2)

DEVOTIONAL

A Christian's Equipment

By Harold D. Scott, Pastor, Byhalia Ephesians 6:11
I amazed when I try to picture the vast amount of equipment man has invented. There is equipment for almost every job. If there isn't, just give man some time and he will develop and build the equipment to do the job, better and faster.



The Christian needs equipment to do his work. For spiritual work, he needs spiritual equipment.

The Christian's work is actually a warfare, a fight for the hearts of men. There are two powers striving for men's hearts, the power of God and the power of Satan. The Christian, as the child of God, is fighting Satan. The only way the Christian can win for God is to use the equipment God has made available for him.

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Ephesians, reminds them of the warfare and the equipment. He calls it the armour of God. Here the Christian is compared to a soldier who must put on armour for the battle.

Life is seen to be a battle. The enemies are manifold. It is not against flesh and blood that the Christian fights. The foes are spiritual characters. How is one to withstand the assault of so many? Paul said there was one way, by becoming "strong in the Lord, and the strength of his might."

I. BUCKLE ON THE BELT OF TRUTH. In Oriental warfare the belt is all-important. It binds the soldier into a unity and makes him feel compact and firm. Truth, which is God's truth in man, is what gives compactness to our whole being. When Jesus is realized as the embodied "truth," when He is felt to be dwelling within us, then we gain unity and strength.

II. HAVE ON THE COAT OF INTEGRITY. The Christian is to have a spirit of righteousness. There is a divine righteousness coming into us and filling our being. The integrity of our every action can stand the test. It is to be "God-like" in all our attitudes.

III. LET THE SHOES ON YOUR FEET BE THE GOSPEL OF PEACE. The Christian has ceased to be self-centered. The gospel of peace is to be sent around the world. We want to see the progress of peace in the world. We are never so safe as when the safety of others has become our greatest concern. To be on firm footing we must have the gospel of peace. To have the gospel we must be at peace with God.

IV. LET THE SHIELD OF FAITH QUENCH ALL ASSAULTS OF SATAN. Satan appeals to passion and through the appetites. Nothing but faith can vanquish him. As we live by faith in God through Jesus Christ who rules the universe and dwells within us, Satan finds himself defeated.

V. TAKE SALVATION FOR A HELMET. Faith is to lead us to the assurance of salvation. If soldiers believe themselves destined to be victorious, they will strain every nerve to make themselves so. When we have the assurance of victory through our indwelling Lord, we can do valiant things for him.

VI. LET THE WORD OF GOD BE THE CHRISTIAN'S OFFENSIVE WEAPON. This is the sword which he is to lay around his life. The Bible is a powerful weapon. It cuts men to the heart. There is no other such discernment of the thoughts and intents of men's hearts. The Christian who masters the Word of God will be most powerful among his fellows.

VII. LET THE ATTITUDE OF THE CHRISTIAN BE A PRAYERFUL LIFE. The Christian is not to fight the battle of life in his own power. He receives power and strength through prayer.



WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE HOMILETICS PROFESSOR, Dr. B. F. Smith (left), and ministerial students, Tommy Gilder and Wayne DuBose, prepare to move into place five pieces of pulpit furniture recently donated to the school by the Magnolia Street Church, Laurel. The furniture, replaced by new at the Laurel church, was gratefully received by the Homiletics Department as added equipment for the preparation of ministerial students. It will be used in the classroom to simulate a church platform situation. Dr. Smith is currently serving as interim pastor for the Magnolia Street Church.

REVIVAL DATES



Daniel Memorial, Jackson:

October 29 - November 5; services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sundays; 7:30 p. m. weekdays; Rev. Homer Martinez, full-time evangelist, from San Antonio, Texas, (national finalist in Golden Gloves tournament in 1949-41; at age of 17 he defeated the national champion of Mexico), doing the preaching; Eddy Nicholson, from Lubbock, Texas, full-time music evangelist, composer of the hymn, "Try Jesus, Man of Galilee," and

RCA recording artist, song leader; Dr. Allen Webb, pastor.

Friendship, Natches: October 23-29; services at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Lavelle Entekin, evangelist; Rev. Archie Ezell, pastor; homecoming day was held Oct. 22, with dinner on the grounds.

McLaurin Heights, Jackson: October 29-November 5; Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor of Southside Church, Jackson, evangelist; Tom Larrimore, singer; Rev. J. C. Renfro, pastor.

"The Cooperative Program provides all that other methods of kingdom financing provide and something more. It not only provides money for the support of kingdom causes, but it provides distinctive advantages — the something more is the stewardship of money." — Courts Redford

PROVIDENCE CELEBRATES 149TH ANNIVERSARY

By Mrs. Estelle B. Harris
Providence Church of Lebanon Association celebrated homecoming on its 149th anniversary, Sunday, Oct. 1. The pastor, Rev. Robert Jones, preached the morning message. John W. Davis, minister of music, directed special music.

The noon day meal was served on the church grounds with members bringing picnic baskets. Fellowship followed with former members, new members, and visitors getting acquainted and reminiscing.

Church History
On Saturday, Oct. 3, 1818, an assembly of people met at a new place on Johnson's Mill creek, in Lawrence County (now Providence Creek in Forrest County) for the purpose of organizing themselves into a Baptist church. Their first building was of logs, with a wide open fireplace in one

end. A picture of this building hangs in the vestibule of the present building.

Mississippi history reflects the fact that it was not only a place of worship, but was as well a place of instruction for the learning of the three R's.

The following named members were in the organization of the church and composed what is known as the charter members; Rev. Norvell Robertson, Sr. Sally Robertson, Stephen Lee, Sally Lee, Seth Granberry, Jane Granberry, George Granberry, and Martha Granberry.

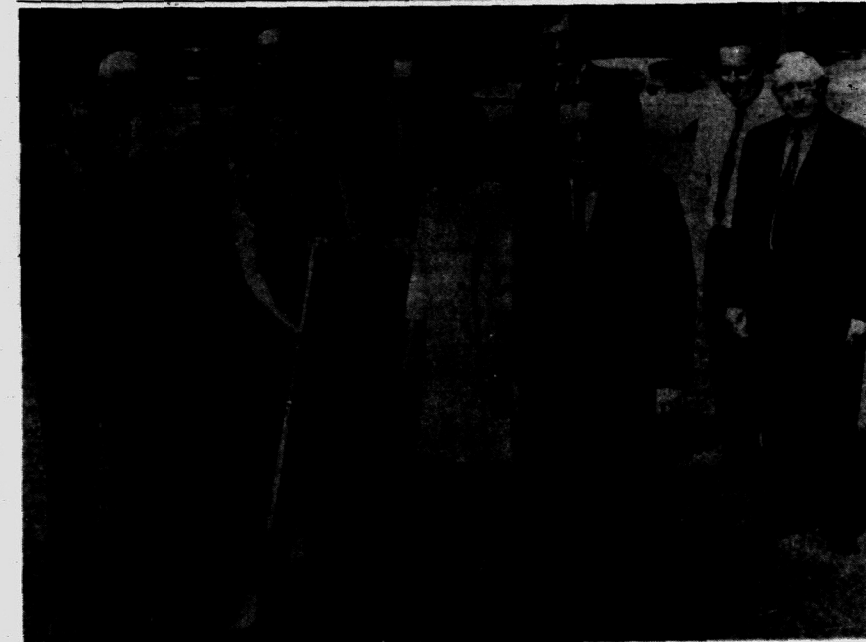
The church had strict requirements for membership and the maintenance of fellowship in olden days. If a male member were absent from Conference (Saturday afternoon) someone was sent to ascertain the cause of his absence. A continuation of ab-

sence was cause of exclusion. The killing of a deer on Sunday that had been wounded on Saturday was a consideration on one conference day. This brother was forgiven at the time, but the church excluded him later for overcharging a brother for some potato plants!

Sociables, parties, dancing, drinking, were practices that were strictly forbidden and the cause for many explanations and exclusions from the church in former days.

This writer is a daughter of a former church clerk, the late G. A. Burkett; remember reading the minutes of the very first organization. These writings were written in long hand, of English script. These records are preserved for safe keeping.

Descendants of the charter members are very active in Providence Church today.



DUCK HILL CHURCH recently broke ground for the construction of an addition to the present building. Many guests and former members were present for the dinner on the grounds. The two oldest members (members for 61 years) present were C. A. Wilkins and Mrs. Eva Hill, and the youngest member present was Rosanne Stewart. Mrs. Charlie Able, wife of a deceased deacon, received recognition, as her husband was the first to donate to the building fund. Shown above, left to right: Houston Bennett, building superintendent; J. M. Leigh, Curtis Riley, Norman Ezell, Mrs. Bob Lancaster (with child), Doreen Lancaster, Mrs. L. L. Branscomb, Jr., Elmo Branch, Rev. Donnie Stewart, pastor; E. B. Wray, Sr., and O. W. Scott.

Meredith Trustees OK Cooperation, Tuition Hike

RALEIGH, N. C. (BP)—Trustees of Meredith College (Baptist) here voted to increase tuition fees, student aid, and faculty salaries next year, and proposed that the number of trustees be increased from 28 to 36, provided the Baptist State Convention approves.

The board also gave a green light to planning ventures that will expand an inter-institutional cooperation program this year between the Baptist school and neighboring colleges and universities.

\$2,100 Minimum Pay Is Urged For Pastors

CARMENTHENE, Wales (RNS)—A ministerial study commission of the Welsh Baptist Union proposed a minimum annual wage of at least \$2,100 for pastors at the Union's annual assembly here.

Some Welsh pastors, the commission said, now receive as little as \$1,310, and a few receive as much as \$2,900.

2nd, Indianola Calls Pastor

Second Church, Indianola, has called Rev. Billy Smith as pastor.

Smith began his duties at Indianola, October 2. For the past four and a half years he has served as pastor at Independence. Prior to serving in Independence, he was pastor of Bluff Springs church, Magnolia, Alta Vista in Jackson, and Indian Springs in Winston County.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and holds the B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Mrs. Smith is the former Harriette Herring of Louisville. Their home church is First, Louisville.



REV. HARDY R. DENHAM, pastor, First Church, Ellisville, (left) presents a copy of "A Syllabus of New Testament Studies," of which he is the author, to Rev. Harold T. Bryson, Bryson, pastor, First Church, Sumrall, and a doctoral student, New Orleans Seminary, wrote the introduction to the book.

Ellisville Pastor Writes Textbook

Rev. Hardy R. Denham, pastor First Church, Ellisville, and one of three instructors in the Bible Department, Jones County Junior College, is the author of a new book, "A Syllabus of New Testament Studies," (Acts through Revelation), which was written to be used as a textbook for the three Bible courses he teaches.

The introduction was written by Rev. Harold T. Bryson, "The book by Rev. Hardy R. Denham," Mr. Bryson says, "is a survey of the Book of Acts and the remaining 22 epistles. This work makes no claim to completeness on these books of the New Testament, but it aims at providing a readable conspectus for the serious student."

"The author, a dedicated student of the New Testament, has done an excellent job in the study for the beginner as well as for the person who desires a thorough review. From this excellent presentation, the more serious student can branch into deeper areas of Biblical study."

Of the text, the author states: This volume is not intended to be a detailed in-

vestigation into the New Testament books treated. I recognize that it is little more than an introduction to the 23 books of the New Testament dealt with. However, in the hands of the industrious student, the book will be of assistance in leading him into a deeper and more complete understanding of God's revelation in the written Word."

Printed locally, on 8 1/2 by 11 white stock, the book is bound in black and buff, and the author has provided Scriptural outlines at the end of the background material, which are true to the divisions of the passages.

T. U. Administration Seminar To Be At BSSB November 13-17

The availability of a Training Union Administration Seminar at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, has been announced by James Frost of the Board's Training Union Department.

November 13-17 is the date for this special seminar which will be a comprehensive study of the training program of a church. It is especially designed for church Training Union Directors, Ministers of Education, and pastors.

Information can be obtained by contacting Mr. Frost at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Names In The News

Rev. Ernest Steelman of Route 3, Sumrall, has moved to Louisiana. His new address is 1806 Shady Grove Blvd., Bossier City, La., 71010.

The Comforter

By W. Guy Henderson

When I first saw the mother she was bending over the bed of her little child in the Baptist hospital in Pusan, Korea. The two-year-old was very sick. I talked with her about God and then went on to visit other patients.

An hour or so later I passed the room again. They had taken the baby to an oxygen tank. The mother was kneeling, her eyes tightly closed, her hands resting on the warm bed where the child had lain.

Over and over she called on the Lord. Tears rolled from her cheeks, over her wrinkled hands, and onto the clean white sheet.

I wanted to comfort her, to say something that would give courage and hope. But how presumptuous to think I could comfort her when she was talking with the Comforter. I was grateful she had found God and even then knelt at his throne.

A few minutes later they came to tell her the child was dead. She sat stunned for a moment and then resumed praying.

Again, I wanted to interrupt—but caught myself.

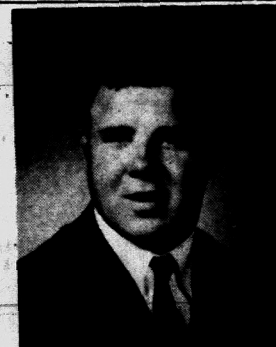
Quietly I closed the door. — Rev. W. Guy Henderson, of Forest, Miss., is a Southern Baptist missionary in Pusan, Korea.

Rev. and Mrs. John W. Merritt, missionaries to Italy, have moved to Milan, where they do evangelistic work. (They may be addressed, Via Dario Papa 8-33, Milan, Italy; He is a native of the Hattiesburg, Miss., area; she, the former Elizabeth Pope, was born in Mobile, Ala., and grew up in Chicora, Miss.)

Dr. John B. Falconer, of Mississippi and Liberia, was evangelist for an open-air rally at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, Africa, on September 22. The rally, attended by between 1,000 and 1,200 people, was a part of the preparation for Baptists' "New Life For You" crusade in Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda during October.

Mrs. Dora Clement Talking-ton, long-time member of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, has an article in October Home Life, entitled "Lessons from a Stroke."

Samuel Chisolm, age 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Chisolm, was recently licensed to the gospel ministry, by Van Winkle Church, Jackson, Rev. Herman Milner, pastor.



LICENSED AT LAKELAND

Lakeland Church in Itawamba County has licensed Keith Stephens to the gospel ministry.

Stephens has been a member of this church since it was begun as a mission at the Stephens Cemetery Chapel building in 1959; he often preaches there on Sunday nights. Rev. Leburn Orear is the pastor.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stephens (and the grandson of Mrs. Fannie May Cleveland and the late Jim Cleveland, and Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Stephens) he graduated from Mantachie High School last June, and is now employed at the Medical Center in Tupelo.

His hope is to be a medical missionary wherever the Lord calls him.

STOVALLS HONORED—Members of the Adult II Sunday school department of First Church, Lapeere, surprised Rev. and Mrs. Joe R. Stovall, Jr., on a recent Sunday morning, with a reception in their honor. On that date the Stovalls were beginning their seventh year in the Lapeere pastorate. In addition to a floral arrangement on the table and a three-tiered anniversary cake, the Stovalls were presented a silver serving tray, with the memorable occasion date engraved. Left to right above are Rev. and Mrs. Stovall with Mrs. Alma Lamphie presenting the tray.



REV. PAUL H. LEBER and his family, shown above, were honored by East Moss Point Church Oct. 15 in a surprise fellowship following the evening worship hour. Mr. Leber has served for nine years as pastor of East Moss Point. A coffee and tea silver serving set was presented to them on this anniversary day. Billy Wilks, Chairman of Deacons, made the presentation.

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SBC Themes For Houston Picked By Committee

HOUSTON (BP) — Theme for the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets here June 4-7, 1968 will be "Good News For Today's World," a convention committee has decided.

The general theme for the convention, plus themes for each session, were selected by the Southern Baptist Convention committee on order of business headed by J. Norris Palmer, pastor of First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La. Opening session of the convention, which features the annual sermon, will be "Good News Through Preaching."

Sessions on Wednesday, June 6, will feature the themes "Good News Through The Churches," "Through Christian Morality," and "For The Homeland."

Thursday sessions, June 7, themes will be "Good News For The Academic Community," and "For The Nations," while Friday session themes will be "Good News of Christian Brotherhood," "Good News For The Secular Community," and "Good News Forever."

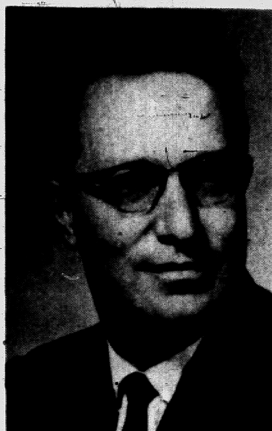
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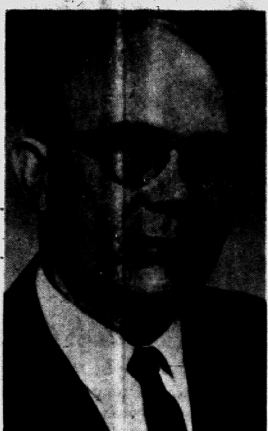
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N. C. Association Sets New Membership Rule

By Toby Druin
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CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP) — Mecklenburg Baptist Association, after a three-hour debate, voted here to limit its membership to churches which require their members to be baptized by immersion.

By a 214-130 vote, the association adopted an amendment to its bylaws, effective one day before the association meets for its annual session next fall.

The amendment states: "All churches affiliated with this association shall be churches who use the New Testament

as the statement of their faith and church polity and require that all candidates, who are physically able, be immersed in water, on the basis of belief in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to qualify for membership."

Approval of the amendment means that at least two churches now affiliated with the association will not be members next fall if they are still following current practices.

The two are St. John's Baptist Church and Myers Park Baptist Church, both of which accept without subsequent immersion members who have

been sprinkled or affused (poured) as members of other denominations.

St. John's Church adopted the policy last spring and insists that such candidates for membership must have been sprinkled or affused after belief in Christ as Savior.

Myers Park Church makes no such distinction and has had a virtual open membership policy since 1949.

During the three hours of debate, several attempts were made to sidetrack the vote. One would have made the amendment a constitutional change requiring a two-thirds vote instead of majority approval necessary for a bylaws amendment.

Another attempt would have expressed disapproval of the two churches' practices but would have taken no punitive action. Still another motion would have adjourned the meeting without any action at all.

The bylaws amendment as offered by H. L. Ferguson, pastor of Thomasboro Baptist Church in Charlotte, got the final approval on a simple majority after sharp disagreement over whether it should be a constitutional amendment or a bylaw change.

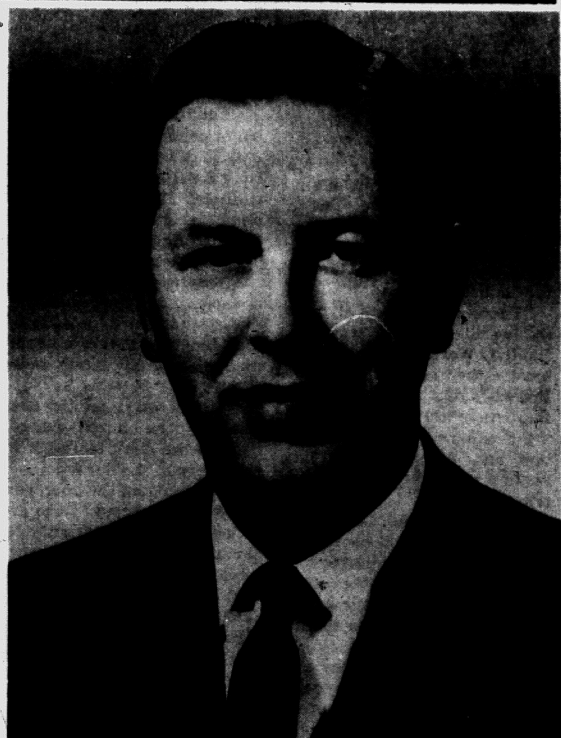
Robert Lasater, associate minister at St. John's Church, argued that it must be an amendment to the constitution "which determines the nature of the organization." Saying the measure as a bylaw change was out of order, Lasater argued: "You cannot amend your constitution by bylaw."

Ferguson countered by saying that only the bylaws of the association list rules of affiliation.

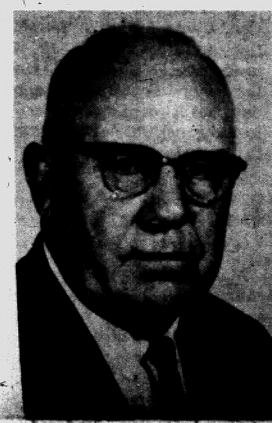
The messengers ruled that the amendment could be to the bylaws. The decision was crucial since the 214 votes for the amendment represented only 62 per cent of the total.

Speaking for his amendment, Ferguson argued that the issue was not local church autonomy or the exercise of ecclesiastical authority by the association. The issue, he said, is whether or not the as-

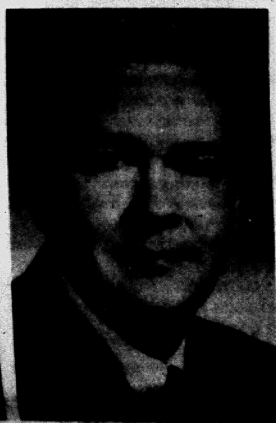
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Dr. H. Franklin Paschall



Rev. Leroy Smith



Dr. Leslie Wright

LEADING SPEAKERS SET FOR CONVENTION

A large number of outstanding speakers will be featured at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, planned for Jackson, Nov. 14-16.

Featured will be the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, and the pastor of the convention's largest church, Dr. W. A. Criswell.

Dr. Paschall, pastor of Nashville's First Baptist Church, will be the featured speaker at Tuesday evening's session.

Dr. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church Dallas, will bring the closing inspirational message at the Thursday afternoon session at the First Baptist Church and will also be the featured speaker for the annual youth night session Thursday evening in the Mississippi Coliseum.

Dr. C. E. Autrey, director of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will deliver the principal address at the Tuesday afternoon session.

A native Mississippian, Dr. David Q. Byrd, pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., will bring the closing inspirational message.

at the Wednesday morning session.

Dr. Byrd was pastor of Popular Springs Drive Baptist Church, Meridian, at the time he resigned to accept the Tennessee pastorate.

Dr. Leslie Wright, president of Samford University, Birmingham formerly Howard College, will be the featured speaker Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Wright is a newcomer to the state convention program.

The principal speaker (Continued on Page 2)

IN GREENVILLE

Students Will Meet



Robert Fischer

Up to 1000 Mississippi Baptist college students are expected to attend the annual State Baptist Student Convention to be held at First Baptist Church in Greenville Dec. 1-3.

Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director of the Department of Student Work of the State Convention Board, sponsoring agency, said the students would come from more than 30 colleges and schools in the state.

Presiding will be Robert Fischer, a student at Mississippi State University and president of the State Baptist Student Convention. Conference theme will be "Unto the Least of These."

Principal speakers will be Dr. Wm. M. Pinson, associate professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.; Ed Seabough, associate in Student Department of Baptist Sunday School Board Nashville, Tenn.; and Grady Nutt, director of alumni affairs and assistant to the president, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

A special feature will be presentation on Friday night of "Good News," a 55-minute folk musical that presents the challenge of Christianity to today's youth.

So far as is known this will be the first time this presentation will be given in the state, according to Mr. Winders.

The presentation will be given under direction of the BSU organizations of MSCW and Mississippi State University.

It contains 20 original religious folk songs, drama, comedy and monologues. It will have accompaniment by various types of instruments and the singing group from the two schools will number well over 100.

Vaughan Will Direct
Billy Vaughan, minister of music of First Baptist Church, Columbus will direct, assisted by Joe Ray Underwood, BSU choir director at Mississippi State and the BSU directors of the two schools, Miss Gail Elrod and Harold Guiley.

Other features will include a series of simultaneous conferences, reports from 1967

BSU summer missionaries business session, presentation of 1968 summer missions program and special music.

Conference leaders will include Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson; Rev. James Yates, pastor First Baptist Church, Yazoo City; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, executive director, Christian Action Commission of Mississippi Baptist Convention; Dr. Perry Claxton, pastor of host church; Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent of Baptist Children's Village, Jackson; Allen Orr, Missionary Journeyman to Philippines; Neil Jones, US-2er to El Paso Texas; Dr. Pinson, Mr. Nutt, Mr. Seabough and Mr. Baker.

Baptists In New England In New Organization

BRUNSWICK, Maine (BP) — The New England Baptist Association meeting here voted to split into three smaller associations and band together in a new organization they called the General Association of Baptists in New England.

The three new associations will be the Upper New England Baptist Association which includes churches in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont; the Massachusetts Baptist Association; and the Southern New England Baptist Association including churches in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Organization of the new general association composed of three groups took place at the Maine Street Baptist Church here.

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State Men To 'Make' Gold Coast Crusade

Sixteen Mississippi Baptist men will participate in the Gold Coast Laymen's Evangelistic Crusade to be held in the Greater Miami area Nov. 8-12.

Rev. Elmer Howell, secretary of the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said that the Mississippi men would join several hundred other Baptist men from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention who will conduct the giant witnessing crusade.

Over 1,000,000 people live in the Greater Miami area, with over one-half of those being non-evangelicals, according to Mr. Howell.

He said that the activities of the laymen will include visitation, personal witnessing, testimonies, messages before the churches, appearances before civic groups and the enlistment of men in soul-winning.

At least two visiting men will be assigned to each participating church or mission to (Continued on Page 2)

Florida College May Yield To Graham School

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (BP) — Plans for the proposed Florida Baptist College near here have been "put on ice" until Evangelist Billy Graham decides whether or not he will build a major university here.

Graham said recently he was considering 17 sites for such a university, and that his board would make a decision "before Christmas."

The trustees of Florida Baptist College have voted to recommend that the Baptist institution be dissolved if Graham decides to build a university near here.

In Dallas recently, Graham said he was considering establishing a university that would be "the West Point of Christian education" to train ministers and other religion specialists.

Graham said that such a school would cost in the neighborhood of \$60 million, but that the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association had no funds for such a college. Graham said his role would be to raise funds for the school, help enlist faculty administration, and perhaps serve as chairman of the board.

Association Sets Membership Rules

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sociation has the right to determine what kind of association it is to be.

"This action if taken will unite us," Ferguson said. "Because it separates us from other faiths, it unites us with others of like faith and order. If you are a real, genuine sure 'nough Baptist, let your colors fly," he declared.

The pastor of the St. John's Church, Claude U. Broach, argued that the policy of his church to accept some members who as believers were baptized by some other mode than immersion, was made after a five-year study and in fact is not new at all.

"There are Baptists all over the world affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance who have the same policy," Broach said. "And there are Baptists in full fellowship with the Southern Baptist Convention and Baptist State Convention which follow the same practice.

Made 'Crystal Clear' "Let it be crystal clear," he added, "we do not have any desire to separate. We offer you our hearts, and our hand, and in that hand is no threat of control."

A substitute motion was offered by Leland Stephens, pastor of Grace Baptist Church here, that would have reaffirmed that churches in the association recognize immersion for believers only as New Testament baptism, and that would have voiced opposition to churches departing from the practice.

The substitute further would have reaffirmed the autonomy of the local church in departing from the practice, however, and would have taken no punitive action against St. John's and Myers Park.

"This substitute gives us the chance to say we don't agree (with the St. John's and Myers Park policies) but they are our sister churches and we must preserve their autonomy," Stephens said. "It seems to me that unless we are just out for blood this is what we ought to do," he added.

Carl Bates, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Char-

lotte, supported the substitute, saying the association has done its work for 82 years without a creedal statement. "You are saying now that these other churches must agree with you in every minute detail."

"The first thing you know we are going to be engaged in witch hunts," Bates warned. "You will virtually assume the role of administrator in the life of a church, and that is reserved for the Holy Spirit."

All of the substitute motions, including one that the association adjourn without taking any action, lost.

After the final vote was announced, Lasater, associate minister at St. John's, asked that the association rule immediately on St. John's membership.

"Unless you make the decision, we (the church) cannot, because we don't feel as if we have erred," Lasater said.

Ferguson said the vote went as he had expected. "It is evidence that the majority of our people... are concerned about maintaining New Testament standards," he said.

Broach, the St. John's pastor, had little comment. "We hope to keep on being true to the New Testament and the spirit of Jesus Christ and find our answers along that path," he said.

At least one other association, Central Baptist Association in High Point, N. C., unanimously adopted a similar amendment on the same day, but it was an amendment to the constitution rather than to the bylaws.

Baptists In New - -

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Messengers from the churches represented divided according to their areas and organized the three associations simultaneously in the same building.

Southern Baptists first entered the New England area in 1888 when a mission was established at Portsmouth, N. H., by a group of Baptists from New Mexico stationed at an Air Force base there.

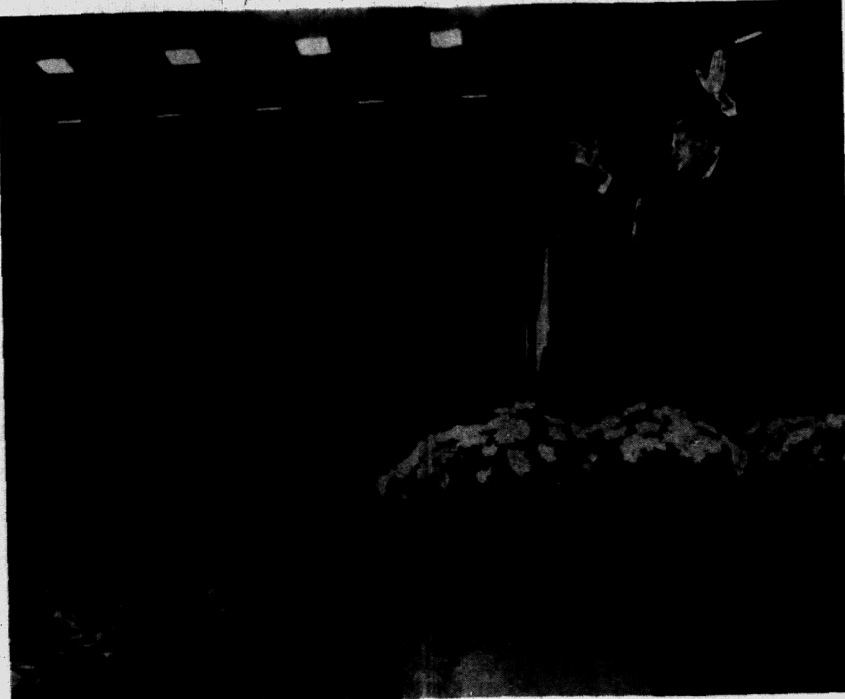
The New England Baptist Association was organized in 1902, with affiliation with the Maryland Baptist Convention.

Until recently the New England churches were also affiliated with the Northeast Baptist Fellowship which had anticipated formation of a Baptist state convention by 1970, but the fellowship voted in September to split into two smaller groups — the New England states, and the New York - New Jersey states.

Newly elected officers of the General Association of Baptists in New England are John Hughton Jr., of Cambridge, Mass., as president and Gordon Thomas of Brunswick, Maine, as vice president. A board of directors was also elected, composed of 14 members from the three cooperating associations.

Health is a crown on a well man's head, but a sick man can see it best.

Life by the inch is a cinch; life by the yard is hard.



BILLY GRAHAM PREACHES IN TOKYO — TOKYO — Evangelist Billy Graham is caught in characteristic pose as he preaches before a near capacity audience in Nippon Budokan sports arena in Tokyo. The noted Baptist minister was conducting his first crusade in Japan. Total attendance for the first five days reached nearly 93,000 with 9,000 "decisions for Christ." — (RNS Photo)

A Practical Plan For A Perplexing Problem

By W. Levon Moore, Pastor First Baptist Church Pontotoc

Everyone seems to recognize that Baptists (as well as other denominations) have a major problem in the field of higher education. This problem is chiefly financial, and is becoming more acute each year as Federal and State governments pour millions of dollars into an accelerated program of public education.

The constant raising of educational standards, the gov-

ernmental subsidies provided for public educational institutions, and the failure of churches and denominations to adequately finance their schools have all combined to place the denominational college in a precarious position. The problem has been long discussed, well defined, and at least partially acknowledged.

Even more disturbing than the problem itself is the fact that so few seem to be attempting to take any constructive steps to correct it. There has been an avalanche of discussion concerning the problem but only a trickle of suggestions about what to do about it. Everyone seems to be afraid to say out loud what many feel for fear of disturbing the status quo. In my opinion it would be better to make some mistakes in attempting to solve the dilemma than to lose everything by doing nothing.

While recognizing that there is no easy solution, and acknowledging that no one answer will be acceptable to all, it occurs to me that we must move in some direction. Like the lepers at the edge of the city of Samaria, we may well say to ourselves regarding our position with reference to our educational institutions, "Why do we sit here till we die?" To alter our position we MAY die; to sit still we WILL die! The POSSIBILITY of life and service for the future seems to be worth the risk. Rather than become a helpless victim of circumstances, steps should be taken to change the circumstances.

Several Things Obvious

Two or three things are obvious. (1) The funds being poured into public institutions of higher learning so far outstrip the amount available for church supported colleges that the latter cannot hope to compete in faculty, in facilities, or in fields of educational opportunity. (2) Baptists have had ample opportunity to become aware of the needs, but have not responded in sufficient manner to indicate that our schools will in the future receive any larger measure of support than they have in the past. (3) Because of continuing tensions in church-state relationships, it is unlikely that Baptists will ever agree to accept any appreciable amount of government funds for the support of our schools.

These realities seem to leave only one alternative; namely, to re-define our objective in the field of Christian education, to restructure our program for the achieving of this objective, and to relate our combined efforts more directly to the purpose for which our colleges were originally established.

Perhaps now is as appropriate a time as ever for Baptists to honestly acknowledge that we cannot, or will not, adequately support all the colleges we have; nor can we provide quality education in all strata of the educational field. Although such an acknowledgment would be quite a shock to our pride and would no doubt shatter some of our ambitions, it may be

necessary to bring us to a healthy state of being.

Having decided that some concepts may have to be modified, that some institutions may have to go, and some areas of education must be left to the public institutions of higher learning, we then can determine what our role as a denomination ought to be in the field of education.

Since we cannot do in all our colleges all we would LIKE to do, let us determine to do what we MUST do; namely, train the men and women who are to be our leaders in church and denominational life. From every quarter there comes the mournful dirge that we have fewer young people being trained for church-related vocations than before. It is a sad state of affairs, and unless we change we will be in serious trouble within another decade. We just simply are not training enough missionaries, pastors, chaplains, evangelists, ministers of education, ministers of music, secretaries, and others, to adequately fill positions of leadership which must be filled. Baptist colleges have so concentrated on offering training for public school teachers, doctors, lawyers, dentists, coaches, accountants, book-keepers, scientists, social workers, etc. that the number being trained for church related vocations has proportionately diminished each year.

Can We Reverse Trend

How can we reverse this trend? Whatever solution is offered will be severely criticized, scornfully disdained, bitterly denounced, and most likely rejected. With the future in view, the following plan is suggested for a practical solution of a most perplexing problem.

1. Encourage every state convention within the Southern Baptist Convention to release all colleges, junior and senior, to become private institutions under the direction of self-perpetuating Boards of Trustees. This would make it possible for them as private institutions to receive government money, and allow them to get into the main stream of the educational life of the nation. They could have a positive Christian influence on the nation's educational life for many decades, and their Christian testimony would not be totally lost.

2. Enlarge the portion of education funds going into the departments of Student Work in the individual states for the strengthening of the ministry of Christian witness on the public and private college campuses. This could be done by increased personnel, more adequate student centers, and greatly expanded programs. Our Baptist students are on these campuses, and it is an accepted missionary strategy to "go where the prospects are."

3. Enhance our over-all program of theological education by making more funds available to our seminaries so that every segment of seminary curricula might be strengthened.

4. Establish a few Baptist

WEST VIRGINIA ANTICIPATES CONVENTION ORGANIZATION

PARKERSBURG, W. Va. (BP)—Although no specific action was initiated, the possibility of the organization of a state convention was evident in the recent first annual meeting of the Baptist General Association of West Virginia.

A total of 55 churches and chapels in the General Association reported a membership of 11,000.

The minimum requirements to be eligible for financial assistance from Southern Baptist Convention agencies in the establishment of a new state convention are 70 congregations with 10,000 members.

The guidance of Southern Baptist work in the pioneer area has grown from a pastor's fellowship to a statewide missions committee, to the General Association of West Virginia. The next step normally would be the organization of a state convention.

Thomas Jones, a Parkersburg layman, was elected president, along with pastors W. D. Sharp of Williamson, vice president; Robert Steinmetz of Bluefield, clerk; and Charles Milam of Nitro, treasurer.

Leading Speakers

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Wednesday evening will be Rev. Leroy Smith, of Bozeman, Montana, superintendent of area Missions in that state.

Chafin To Speak

Dr. Kenneth Chafin, associate professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, K., will deliver the principal address Thursday morning.

Several other out-of-state program personalities will also appear, in most cases, to represent some of the various boards, agencies, institutions and commissions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Claude Townsend, of Florence president of the State Convention, will deliver the keynote address Tuesday morning while the convention sermon will be brought by Rev. N. F. Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mendenhall, at the same session.

"If you don't start the trip you will never get in the storm. If you claim to be Christian and there are no storms, it is due to the fact that you are not going anywhere. You're just 'tickin' the mark.' As a young man, I started... and you will end up where you began." — "A Drink At Joel's Place," Jess Moody.

colleges (from six to twelve) to be located strategically over the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, with these schools being operated through the Southern Baptist Convention budget rather than State Convention budgets. Southern Baptist Boards of Trustees would administer them in the same way the seminaries are administered. These schools would be supported by all Southern Baptists, would provide opportunity for a first - class, four - year liberal arts education, with a strong emphasis on religious education.

Background Preparation These colleges would be designed to offer thorough background preparation for those who would serve in places of leadership in the churches and in the denomination.

These colleges would serve as feeders for the seminaries, and students could plan their entire theological education from the freshman year in college to the seminary graduate school with some degree of coordination.

If half the money now going to Christian education in the various states could be channeled into the Southern Baptist Convention budget, we could adequately support these schools. The students who would attend them would be our choice Christian young people in purposeful training for definite service. Tuition costs could be kept at a minimum. The seminaries could expect increasingly larger student bodies. The supply of future leaders would be assured. If the remaining half of funds now going to Christian education could be used in a ministry to students on the various college campuses, what an impact for Christ could be made!

Radical? Of course it is a radical suggestion! But the impending crisis in Christian education demands a radical approach. We may soon have an opportunity to prove the word of our Lord that "He who saves his life will lose it..."

Benndale Calls Boggan As Pastor

Rev. Richard Delton Boggan, a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and a second year student in New Orleans Seminary, is now pastor of Benndale Mission, which is sponsored by the Shady Grove Church of George County Rev. Sutton Smith, Lucedale, pastor.

Mr. Boggan is the second son of Rev. Wilson W. Boggan, Supt. of Missions of George County Association. He was ordained to the gospel ministry while a student in Baylor. He is married and has one child, Rebecca. His wife, Judy Logan, was a student in Baylor University at the time of their marriage.

He is a Second Lieutenant Chaplain in the U. S. Army.

State Men - - -

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begin services on Wednesday, Nov. 8 and continue through Sunday night Nov. 12.

The Mississippi men to participate are: J. R. Pegues, Jr. and Clint Sims, Tupelo; S. F. Smith and Bill Lee, Picayune; Rev. Ronald H. Jordan and Ed Willis, Clinton. Rev. Luther M. Orr and Dr. Frank Leggett, Bassfield; Thomas Watts and Bobby Crain, Columbia; Lynis R. Leggett and George Harper Jackson, Howard Carpenter, Senatobia; Freeman Webb, Brandon; Thomas Sadler, Kosciusko; Bill Jones, Corinth.

The crusade is being sponsored jointly by the Brotherhood Commission and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, along with the Brotherhood Department and the Miami, Palm Lake and Gulfstream Baptist associations in the Florida Baptist Convention with the Brotherhood departments of the various states enlisting the men.

Rock Hill To Dedicate New Pastorium

Rock Hill Church, Rankin County, will dedicate their new pastorium Sunday afternoon, November 5, at 2:30, with open house and refreshments beginning at 3 o'clock.

Rev. Kenneth Pickens, pastor of Cato Church, will be in charge of the dedication service. The public is invited.

Southwestern Alumni Will Consider Award

Mississippi's Southwestern Seminary Alumni President, William S. Fennell, Jr. of Tupelo announced this week that the annual gathering this year will consider a report on the feasibility of the state alumni making an annual award to the Mississippi "Southwesterner of the Year."

A special study committee has been appointed to make the report. It is composed of Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor of the First Church, Columbus; Alton Yarbrough, minister of education, Calvary Church, Jackson, and Rev. Paul Leber, pastor of the East Moss Point Church, Moss Point.

The alumni group will hold their annual meeting this year on November 15 at the Woodland Hills Church in Jackson. Mr. Fennell said the guest speaker for the meeting will be Dr. Bill Pinson, Professor of Christian Ethics at the Seminary.

"Tickets for the affair will be on sale at the Baptist Book Store display during the Mississippi Baptist Convention at First Church," according to Mr. Fennell.

Berne Speakers - -

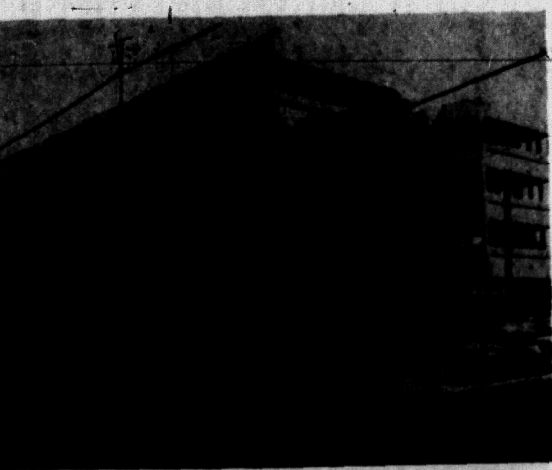
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Music will be directed by William J. Reynolds, of Nashville, Tenn. Reynolds is a veteran at International Baptist Conferences, having performed similar leadership roles at the youth conferences in Toronto and Beirut and the Baptist World Congress in Rio de Janeiro.

As in other meetings, he will conduct an international choir at the Berne conference.

Denny said that three major speakers are yet to be named, and that approximately 300 other program participants also will be selected.

PRAY DAILY FOR THE Crusade Of The Americas



PROGRESS IS BEING MADE on the final stages of construction of the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building as shown in photo taken last week. The building is scheduled to be occupied early in 1968.

Men's Group To Be Proposed To Texas Meet

DALLAS (BP) — A new men's organization, higher status for three convention departments, and a statement concerning the convention's Church Loan Association and Corporation will be included in a report by a special "Committee of 100" to the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Lubbock, No. 1.

The special committee will recommend an auxiliary organization for men similar to the Texas and SBC Woman's Missionary Union auxiliaries. The new group would replace the present Brotherhood department of the convention's State Missions Commission.

The proposal would also evaluate the convention's Sunday School, Training Union and church music departments to division status parallel to the missions, stewardship and evangelism divisions. The departments are now under the church services division directed by R. Hooper Dilday.

The statement concerning the convention's Church Loan Association and Corporation will be in lieu of recommendations which had previously been drafted but not adopted. The statement indicates that a complete reorganization of the Church Loan Board had been recommended by a subcommittee.

The report is being held in abeyance, the subcommittee said, until a management group established by the convention's Executive Board has completed a study and made its report. Real estate investment practices in California and New Mexico were listed as a major area of the subcommittee's concern.

The new men's organization to be known as Texas Baptist Men if approved by the state convention, would have its own executive board but would continue to receive its operating funds from Cooperative Program sources. The Woman's Missionary Union is financed from the annual state missions offering.

PASTOR DIES

Rev. H. C. Ellis, pastor of Calvary Church, Durant for the past ten years, died on October 21, 1967.

"As a man, Rev. Ellis laid down his own life for others. As a minister, he proclaimed the gospel of Christ with fear and fervor. He died, as he lived, trusting the Lord," states A. C. McCool of Jackson, concerning his former pastor.

Mr. Ellis was ordained to the ministry in his early manhood. After graduation from Mississippi College he pastored several churches in Arkansas and Mississippi. In addition, he taught school for several years.

During his pastorate at Unity, Attala County, the church was one of ten to be recognized during State Farm and Home Week at Mississippi State College in 1965. Ellis was instrumental in procuring a new brick building there to replace the old church.

In 1966, Mr. Ellis was named Rural Minister of the Year for Mississippi, an award presented by the Progressive Farmer and the School of Theology of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Cooper To Visit Merritts In Nigeria

Mrs. Silas Cooper of Clinton left October 27 for an extended visit with her missionary daughter in Nigeria. She flew by way of New York, and Madrid, Spain. In the latter city she visited the Charles Whitten family, missionaries from Mississippi.

Monday, October 30, she was to arrive in Kano, Nigeria, where her daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren, Betty and Dewey Merritt, Mary Ann and Elizabeth, were to meet her.

Mrs. Cooper will be staying with the Merritts until the first of June, 1968, when they will return to the States on furlough. Her address during that time will be Box 84, c/o Dewey Merritt, Kaduna, West Africa. Mr. Merritt is principal of the Baptist pastors' school at Kaduna, which is three hours' drive from Kano.



THERE WERE SEVERAL MISSISSIPPIANS among the 12 new missionaries appointed Oct. 9-11 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. First row, from left: Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Buckley, both from Mississippi, to Korea; Rev. Billy G. Colston, from Mississippi and Mrs. Colston of Louisiana, for Korea. Second row: Rev. and Mrs. Darrell A. Moak, from Oklahoma to Japan; Rev. Donald V. Phlegar of Virginia and Mrs. Phlegar of Mississippi, to the Orient. Third row: Rev. and Mrs. Earl J. Williams of Tennessee to Liberia and Rev. and Mrs. Charles J. Wisdom of Louisiana and Texas, to Mexico.



REV. CARLTON E. RIVERS of Union, Mississippi, became pastor of Corinth Church here, Hosford, Fla., October 15. He is a first-year student enrolled in pastoral training at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida. He was pastor of Olive Church, Lumberton, Miss. for one year, before going to BBI. He has been in the ministry for 17 years. Mrs. Rivers was Reba Welch of Corinth, Miss. They have three children, Denson 15, David 14, and Rachel 3. They will live at Rt. 3, Graceville during the week, and go to the church field on week ends.

State Man Is Vice-Chairman Of SBC Group

James K. Pace was elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention at a meeting of the committee Oct. 24.

George W. Schroeder, executive secretary-treasurer of the commission, made the announcement following the regular quarterly meeting of the executive committee.

Mr. Pace, who lives in Memphis, location of the commission's headquarters, is a credited life underwriter and general agent of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.

Other officers elected at the meeting are Lucius Marion, pastor of the Clarksdale, Mississippi, Baptist Church vice-chairman; and C. M. Pickler, pastor of Boulevard Baptist Church, Memphis, recording secretary.

In addition to the election of officers, the Brotherhood Commission Executive Committee also considered future capital needs of the men's and boys' agency, planned for the next full meeting of the commission in July, 1968, and authorized development of new or revised policy on employee benefits, Schroeder said.

pal of the Baptist pastors' school at Kaduna, which is three hours' drive from Kano.

Mrs. Cooper has been very active in WMU work through the years, having served as state prayer chairman. She recently retired as counselor, and head resident of Hedderman-Gunter Hall at Mississippi College, where she had served for 17 years. Her late husband was the first pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo.

MasterControl To Be Aired From Warship

Dr. Paul M. Stevens and Don Sturgis are scheduled to co-host a "MasterControl" special from aboard the USS Enterprise, the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and the largest warship in the world. The special will be aired before Christmas and is tentatively scheduled for November 12. Check local listings for specific air time and date.



Mr. and Mrs. McCaleb

Handsboro Calls Music Minister

Jimmy McCaleb is the new minister of music at Handsboro Church and Mrs. McCaleb will serve as superintendent of visitation and enlargement, it was announced by Rev. Perrin H. Cook, pastor. Mr. McCaleb graduated from Mississippi College. He has served as music director of several churches in Mississippi and has earned a Bachelor's in Sacred Music and Master's in Religious Education from Southwestern Seminary. On active duty with the US Air Force, he served also as music director at the Air Force Chapel, Saudi Arabia, at New Life Church, Fukuo-ka, Japan, and at Trinity Church, Saigon, Vietnam in 1966-67.

Mrs. McCaleb graduated from Delta State College, Southern Seminary (Carver), and attended Missouri University. She was Woman's Missionary Society director for the Oklahoma Baptist Convention prior to marriage.

Progressive National Baptists Vote 1969 Crusade Participation

CINCINNATI, Ohio (BP)—The Progressive National Baptist Convention meeting here recently voted to participate in the Crusade of the Americas, becoming the 38th nation-wide Baptist group in 28 countries to participate.

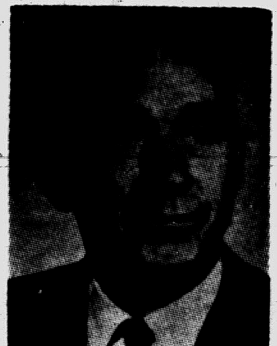
The action of the Progressive National Baptists brings to seven the number of nationwide Baptist bodies in the United States which have voted to participate in the 1969 evangelistic campaign covering North, Central and South America. Numerous state-wide Baptist groups are also participating.

Other United States groups include the Baptist General Conference (Swedish), the Southern Baptist Convention, the North American General Conference (German), the General Association of General Baptists (Arminian), the

Dr. Stevens, executive director of the Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission, and Sturgis, regular "MasterControl" host, recorded the program last fall when they were guests of the United States Navy aboard the carrier for five days. Included in the program will be interviews by Sturgis with the flight operations officer and the ship's captain and by Dr. Stevens with the nuclear reactor officer.

The USS Enterprise was commissioned November 25, 1961, and was a part of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean before joining the Seventh Fleet in the Pacific. It has eight nuclear reactors, a crew of about 5,000, and a flight deck with a 4 1/2 acre area.

The carrier generates enough electric power for a city of 100,000 people and the total output of all electronic equipment on board is equal to the output of 300 powerful radio stations. Nine squadrons make up the carrier's air wing, including aircraft being used in action in Vietnam.



HOWARD CARPENTER of Northwest Mississippi Junior College, Senatobia, was chosen Most Outstanding Alumnus of the Year (1967) at Delta State College, Cleveland. Mr. Carpenter was honored Saturday, October 21, at the Delta State College Homecoming — both at the noon Business Luncheon and at the football game in the afternoon. Mr. Carpenter is a 1943 graduate of Delta State College majoring in Social Science and English.

War Still Affects Ajloun

By Mrs. Frances Fuller
AMMAN, Jordan — Four months after the Middle East war the windows of the Baptist hospital in Ajloun, Jordan, are still painted blue, according to blackout specifications, and the aftermath of the conflict continues in unexpected ways.

On October 9, Dr. Dean T. Fitzgerald, Jr. (Southern Baptist missionary), and Dr. Na- ceem Nasrallah worked in the operating room until the wee hours, repairing crushed bones and removing shrapnel. A dud bomb had finally exploded, and two men were its victims (one of them the father of the hospital baker). Though both were seriously injured, they are expected to recover.

The preceding week Dr. Fitzgerald performed delicate brain surgery — not his specialty—because Jordan's only neurosurgeon is on the other side of the cease-fire line. The patient, a little girl, is doing well.

A refugee woman came to the hospital for the delivery of her baby, because, explained those who brought her, "there just wasn't room in the tent which she shares with 25 other people."

A low-flying jet plane circled the village, and a little girl hid her face against the wall and began to cry hysterically.

I asked Jane Staton (missionary nurse) why the blue paint wasn't washed off the windows. "I requested permission three times," she replied, "but the civil defense director told me to leave it."

Association Disapproves Articles

The Union County Baptist Association, in its regular session last week, approved a resolution to be sent to the editor of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Magazine in Atlanta, strongly objecting to articles on "The Sexual Revolution," which were published in the September and October issues of the magazine.

A special committee comprised of William F. Evans, Jimmy Welch, Jim Futral, Estus Pirkle and Lewis M. Watkins, signed the resolution, which was passed unanimously by the association.

The resolution said, in part "Our people in this Association are definitely concerned and angered about statements published in these articles such as the following:"

There follow numerous quotations concerning "pornography," "students" and "sexual freedom," "the new morality" "Sex and marriage" "Hebrew folk-lore" and need for "ethical criteria to tell us when the sex act is acceptable," etc.

The resolution says that Christians should be "bothered" about pornography, that Adult thinking along these lines has not been "prudent and unreasonable," and states that any person who regards the Old Testament scriptures as "folk-lore" should "not be permitted to express his opinion about anything in our Baptist publications."

The resolution adds that "infallible, inerrant, eternal and unchanging Word of God" provides the "ethical criteria" needed for sex. It also says that Christians do not need any further authority than the Bible for "this and every other action of the Christian life."

The resolution "objects" to dealing with the issue in



WEST HEIGHTS CHURCH, Pontotoc, Rev. Gerald Buckley, Pastor, has just completed using the Forward Program of Christian Stewardship for the first time. The Demonstration Day Offering was \$1030.00. The average weekly offering last year was \$550.00. "The spiritual results are perhaps the most outstanding contribution of this program to our church. We have had additions every Sunday for five Sundays," Rev. Buckley said.

CHANGES ARE NEEDED

The Annual Meeting Of The Association

By W. R. Roberts
Annuit Secretary
Mississippi - SBC

There was a time, in the distant past, when the annual meeting of Baptist associations as now conducted by most Associations were vital and quite adequate. That need, as voiced by many, is true no more.

Life was simple back when our work was getting started and even on up to the last two decades, or perhaps a little longer. The bread winner could take off when he wanted to and spend a week if necessary to attend the annual associational meeting. He can no longer leave his job. Even those who farm can no longer walk off and leave an investment such as is necessary to farm now.

The above situation makes it necessary for the business of the Association to be carried on by our faithful pastors and the women of the church who aren't employed. This situation leaves much to be desired on the part of our pastors, a very few laymen, and the women who can attend. They do not want this great responsibility and it just isn't conducive to total support.

The programs for many of our annual meetings leave much to be desired. During our early days, most of our

churches were only part time — preaching once a month and in many instances, not that often. Annual sermons, doctrinal sermons and mission messages were not only looked forward to but were necessary to keep our work before the people. We still need these emphases and indeed we get them — in our own churches. The programs of our churches now include all of the above needs with well-trained pastors to deliver these messages in our own churches.

We still need the annual meeting — in fact we can't do without some type of associational business meeting. It is quite obvious to many that the format for our meetings needs some changes.

It would seem the part of wisdom for our program committees for the annual meeting to discontinue those emphases that are being met by the local church programs. The fact that certain features have been included on the agenda doesn't prove a need for change. It is generally thought that we have made more progress in adapting our programs to the needs of our people in every other phase of our work than we have in the annual association meeting. Yet, the association is the core of our cooperative effort. We have the know-how to change. All we need is the courage.

Southern Baptist publications "if these are examples" of the type of material which will be used.

The resolution closes with the following paragraphs:

"We regret that it is never mentioned in these articles that sin is the cause of 'The Sexual Revolution' in America today. Furthermore, we resent the implications that Southern Baptist Churches participate in the 'Sexual Revolution' as a social organization, rather than the proclaimer through Jesus Christ and His unchanging standards for living."

"Our fundamental objection to these articles is that the authors are discussing sex in the light of the concepts of the 20th century man apart from the Word of God. Because of the impact, we feel, these articles have had on our convention, we earnestly desire that our contrasting views be presented in the Home Missions Magazine."

The resolution was sent to the editor of Home Missions Magazine, and a copy was sent to the Baptist Record with the request that the resolution as a whole or at least a story of the action be published in the Record. (Because



MIDWAY CHURCH Jackson recently presented Clifton Morgan with a 15-year perfect attendance Sunday school pin. Mr. Morgan has served the Midway Church as Sunday school superintendent and is now a Sunday school teacher in the Adult II department, Training Union Director, and an active deacon. Mr. Morgan (right) is shown receiving his pin from his pastor, Rev. Ben Preston.

of the length of the resolution we are using only this news story summary.—Editor)

MADISON ASSOCIATION OPPOSES FAIR'S CHOOSING TO OPEN GATES ON SUNDAY

Madison County Association in its annual meeting adopted a resolution in opposition to the State Fair's opening on Sunday.

"For the first time in its long and illustrious history the Mississippi State Fair Commission has chosen to

open the State Fair on Sunday," the document stated.

There is already a general disregard for the keeping of the Sabbath holy; the opening of the State Fair on Sunday is detrimental to the Bible Study, church training, and worship activities of our

churches; the Bible plainly states 'Remember, the Sabbath day, to keep it holy'; (Exodus 20:8)

"Be it resolved by the Madison County Baptist Association composed of the messengers from thirteen cooperating churches, in its 48th annual session, that we respectfully request the Mississippi State Fair Commission to refrain from a Sunday opening of the State Fair at all future time."

The clerk sent a copy of this resolution to the Executive Director of the Mississippi State Fair Commission.

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Church Budget Preparation

Many churches are now in the process of preparing their budgets for the coming year. May we suggest three important matters which should be considered by every budget committee, and by the churches themselves. We make these suggestions with a full consciousness of all of the problems faced by budget committees as they seek to meet all of the requests and needs of the various phases of the church program.

First, every church should seriously consider whether it needs to increase the part of its budget which is to be given to world missions through the Cooperative Program. This is important both to the church, which should grow in its mission support, and to the denominational mission program, where the needs grow greater each year. World missions programs cannot stand still. Never in the history of Christianity have mission needs been so great as right now. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is recommending to the coming convention approximately a 10% increase in the Cooperative Program budget for 1968. If churches can make a similar increase there will be no problem in meeting that goal. Some churches probably should do much more. Experience has shown that an increase in mission giving, brings the blessing of God in such a manner that the local program is enlarged.

A second urgent matter that should be considered for every budget, is salary increases for members of the church staff. The cost of living is advancing so rapidly that any church which retains its salaries at former levels, is asking its employees to serve for less salary than they have been receiving in the past. We do not believe that any church in Mississippi wants its pastor or other workers to suffer because of the high costs of living, yet many are doing that already, and others will do so, if raises are not provided. Every committee should take a serious look at the present salary levels, and make the adjustments which present financial conditions demand.

In the third place, budget committees and churches will do well to consider the financial promotional programs being offered through the Stewardship Department of the Convention Board. Some of the finest programs and materials for stewardship teaching and

budget promotion to be found anywhere in the world, are now available to all Southern Baptist churches, from the smallest to the largest. If your church has never used such programs, you will find some splendid assistance available simply for the asking. Those who have used such programs before, will find that new suggestions and materials are available each year. The programs are so varied and adaptable that they suit the needs of any church. Information concerning the programs, with even a visit by a department representative, is available without cost. Why not write to Rev. John Alexander, Stewardship Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205, today, and find out what is available to your church? It can make a difference in the whole program of your church as you face 1968.

The Power Of The Gospel

No passage in the Bible is more meaningful than Paul's words in Romans 1:14 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Glorious words, but are they true today? Some disputers contend that they are not applicable to our day. They would tell you that the gospel does not meet the needs of a modern age and generation. Is this true?

Ask Billy Graham who is preaching to multitudes thousands in Tokyo, and seeing multitudes saved.

Ask the Mississippi team which went to Brazil to preach the gospel in September, and faced heart hungry crowds everywhere, and saw the power of the gospel manifested everywhere they preached, with hundreds of persons being saved.

Ask the team which just has returned from South Africa, where they proclaimed the gospel to masses of people in every church, and saw hundreds and hundreds saved.

The disputers may reply that they touched only a handful of people, and did not even begin to meet world need. We answer that the things the critics are doing, as a substitute for the gospel, are not changing the world either. Maybe they need to turn back to the one power which has proved that it can change it.

The need is not for a changed message, but for more witnesses. If every Christian in the world should become a flaming witness of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the message would reach the whole world in a short time. And that could change the world!

Let Southern Baptists rededicate themselves now to giving this gospel to lost men everywhere. It is our one message and the world's major need. The Crusade of the Americas gives us a glorious opportunity to attempt to give this message to the American continents, but our best is needed if the effort is to be effective.

Fighting Alcoholism

One of the major moral and health problems in America today is alcoholism. A report in the magazine section of the Oct 22 Clarion Ledger-Daily News, told of the growing seriousness of this problem, and of how the problem is increasing faster among women than among men.

Now comes a report from a commission established under a \$1 million dollar grant from the National Institute of Mental Health (tax dollars) which makes some astounding suggestions on how to solve alcoholism problems.

According to press reports some of these suggestions are:

Serve beer in college cafeterias.

Permit liquor advertisements to show alcohol being consumed by the whole family, including children, in a family setting.

Urge that alcoholic beverages be made available to young people at church gatherings supervised by adults.

Lower the drinking age to 18.

Serve alcoholic beverages to young people at recreational and athletic events.

All of this, mind you, in the name of solving the alcoholism problem. Apparently the purpose in the minds of the committee is to teach people how to drink safely.

The fallacy in such suggestions is clear, and apparently has been disregarded by the committee. IT IS NOT THE PLACE WHERE DRINKING IS DONE THAT MAKES ALCOHOLICS... IT IS THE DRINKING ITSELF.

Alcohol makes alcoholics, and whether it is drunk at the bar, in the home or in the church (God forbid!), it will start some of those who drink it on the road to alcoholism.

No matter how often it may be repeated that alcoholism is a disease, it must be remembered that those who do not drink never become alcoholics.

There is just one way to stop alcoholism and that is to stop drinking alcoholic beverages.

What is needed is to teach children, young people and adults, that alcohol is both a drug and a poison, and that it never, never should be drunk.

Government agencies have become quite concerned about teaching the harm in cigarette smoking.

They need to become even more concerned about teaching that it is drinking that causes alcoholism, and all of the other tragic results which liquor brings.

He who prays for his neighbor will be heard for himself.—Hebrew Proverb.

Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for better things.—Henry Ward Beecher.



"What is most depressing about the statements of politicians and the irate letters to the editor that have followed student demonstrations is not their conservatism or their impatience with the younger generation, but the narrow way they conceive of education. In the minds of many citizens, 'getting an education' seems to be a matter of acquiring units of information, measured mainly by the number of hours spent in the classroom.

"There is seldom a suggestion that college might help to change the individual himself, to broaden his horizons, to liberate him from prejudice, or to give him a new sense of identity.

"In the face of increasing enrollments, expanding knowledge, and climbing expenses, schools and colleges are less eager to question what they are doing than simply to find ways to do more of it. A mere enlargement of the system, however, will not suffice to meet the educational challenges being posed by changes in technology, in politics, and in society. After finding room for the student at college, we must ask what kind of world he will later inhabit, what it will demand of him, and how we can prepare him for it."

(From *Where Colleges Fail*, by Nevitt Sanford, Professor of Education and Psychology at Stanford University. Jossey-Bass, Inc., Publishers, 615 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, 1967).



THE TURN OF THE DIAL

By Dr. W. Morris Ford

It was the year 1934 as I recall. Our little peanut-tube radio, battery driven, was brand new. I had on one set of earphones and my father, the other. We were listening to the first football game I ever heard broadcast. My home was in Illinois, and the game was between Illinois and Chicago Universities. If you know your sports, you know that the immortal Red Grange had his greatest year in 1934.

It was the second half. Chicago was leading 21-1. The incomparable Graham McNamee's voice was alive and vibrant as he cried, "Grange is away." The kick made it 21-7. Moments later the same excited outburst came from the announcer, "Grange is away." 21-14. Once more the Galloping Ghost broke away. 21-21. And the game ended! For a teen-age athlete it was an unforgettable experience.

Now for more than 40 years I have been turning the dial: football, baseball, news, opera, dramas, orchestras, political speeches, sermons, hymns, gospel songs—all have had a part in my life. I have even had my share in broadcasting since I was 20 years old.

One of the enchanting things about radio is the ability to select programs, to tune in and out at will, with just a turn of the dial. Unless one should be trapped into having to listen to a radio next door, upstairs, or down, one may move across the dial to make his own choice.

It is my conviction that much in life is like that. Sometimes we are trapped so that we seem to have no choice at all. There are times when that which we want to hear is just out of reach or fades out at the wrong time. But God has provided for us a wide selection, a wide range of choices.

However, it is true that there are certain basic choices which largely determine future selections. The musician who has chosen the classical field of interest for his life will quickly by-pass the raucous sounds of jive as he twists the dial.

Such a basic choice was made by the great old warrior Joshua. Hear him. "And if it seem evil unto you to

FAITH MAKES THE DIFFERENCE



BAPTISTS EXPAND WORK IN JORDANIAN CAPITAL

For the first time in the 15-year history of Southern Baptist missions in Jordan, nearly half the missionary force is located in Amman, the capital and population center of the country, reports Mrs. J. Wayne Fuller.

Four couples, the Fullers, the Paul S. C. Smiths, the William O. Herns, and the Glenn Pattons, compose the Amman station of the Jordan Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). There were no resident Southern Baptist missionaries in Amman two years ago.

A city of 300,000, Amman is now swollen by many thousands of war refugees. The missionaries have chosen to live in widely scattered areas, hoping to establish Bible study groups and hold Christian meetings in their homes. Baptist worship services or study groups are already be-

serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the god of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Choose right today and the pattern of selection will be firmly set.

ing carried on in five other locations under the leadership of nationals working with the Mission.

Southern Baptists held their first English-language service in Amman on Sunday afternoon, October 8, in the Fuller home, with 16 adults and 21 children in attendance. A weekly program of Sunday School and worship will be led by the Amman station at the request of a few Southern Baptist laymen living in the city. Mr. Patton, who arrived in Jordan in September, will be the regular speaker.

The Amman missionaries also have other responsibilities. Mr. Hern is Mission treasurer. Mr. Smith has charge of evangelism in the villages of northern Jordan, and Mr. Fuller is director of the Baptist boys' school in Ajloun. The Pattons and Mr. Fuller are also continuing language study.

Three other missionary couples and four single women are engaged in medical, educational, or evangelistic work in Ajloun, the first Southern Baptist mission station in Jordan.

Newest In Books

CRUSADE HYMN STORIES, edited by Cliff Barrows. (Word Books, 1967. West Lake Street, Chicago, Ill., 160 pp., \$3.50).

The history of "How Great Thou Art," "All Creatures of Our God and King," and fifty other favorite hymns; stories of the hymns' use and influence in crusade services around the world; personal stories of their favorite hymns, by Billy Graham, Cliff Barrows, George Beverly Shea, Tedd Smith, and Don Hustad.

THE AWESOME POWER OF THE LISTENING EAR by John Drakeford (Word Books, 128 pp., \$3.50).

The suggested subtitle for this book is "How to win friends, make money, build a career—in fact, do almost anything you want to do—by learning how to listen." Dr. Drakeford draws heavily from his experience as a practicing listener in the counseling center at Southwestern Seminary. Some of the fascinating subjects he touches are "Work on your listening inertia," "Listening without ears," "Listen for the sound of silence," "Consider your listen-

er's perspective," "Cultivate the skill of reply," and "Ask a question but do it carefully."

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC, 1968 Edition, (Yankee, Inc., Dublin, New Hampshire, paperback, 148 pp., \$3.50).

This is the 176th continuous annual edition of a most delightful little book! It contains weather forecasts, a list of 1968 holidays, 1968 eclipses of sun and moon, riddles, puzzles, anecdotes, old-fashioned recipes, etcetera. Edgar Allan Poe's poem, "The Raven," is included, illustrated with ten pages of black and white drawings.

FIDELITY AND INFIDELITY by Leon J. Saul (Lippincott, 244 pp., \$5.95).

Dr. Saul discusses underlying forces that cause recurrent marital problems. Through case histories and dialogues between patient and analyst, he illustrates that most friction in marriage is the result of unconscious repetition of childhood behavior. He says that if all adults were adequately mature, relationships between them would not be so frustrating and hostile. The book was written for two

purposes: to help the married recognize and avoid approaching danger areas, and to offer to the single "an ounce of prevention" in a guide to the basic elements of a "harmonious marriage."

MORE OCEANS TO CROSS by Fran Johnston (Moody Press, 157 pp., \$2.95).

A true life adventure, an interesting story of a woman who finds fulfillment in God's plan. Mrs. Johnston spent her childhood in China, her college days in America, and is at present, with her husband, missionary with The Evangelical Alliance Mission in France.

OUR OWN CHRISTMAS compiled by Jean McKee Thompson (Beacon Press, 226 pp., \$5.95).

An anthology of prose and poetry, drawn from many writers, including Matthew, Luke, O. Henry, Charles Dickens, Rudyard Kipling, John Greenleaf Whittier, and others. Illustrated with beautiful black and white photographs, these selections are by sensitive persons who have not merely celebrated Christmas, but who have experienced it.



If the present trend of illegitimate births in the United States continues at the same rate as it is at present in the 1970s one out of every ten American babies will be born out of wedlock. Already in some major cities, far more than 10% of all new babies are illegitimate. In 1960, about one out of twenty-five children born in the U. S. was illegitimate. By 1960 the figure was one out of nineteen. By 1966, it was one out of fifteen American births. (U. S. News and World Report, October 2, 1967)

Rep. George Jordan, Douglas attorney and member of a House committee studying the feasibility of a statewide public defender system, said that of the 20 men on death row at the state prison, 19 were represented at their trials by court-appointed attorneys.

"It's interesting to me that most all of them told me they were tried at the first term of court after their indictment," he said.

Considering what he described as the unfair administration of the death sentence, Jordan said, he has mixed emotions about abolishing capital punishment.

"The way it is now, I would, because I'm in jeopardy. I'm poor," he said.

Jordan said he would recommend to the House committee that a public defender be made available in every court circuit in the state to defend persons accused of capital crimes. (The Atlanta Constitution, September 29, 1967)

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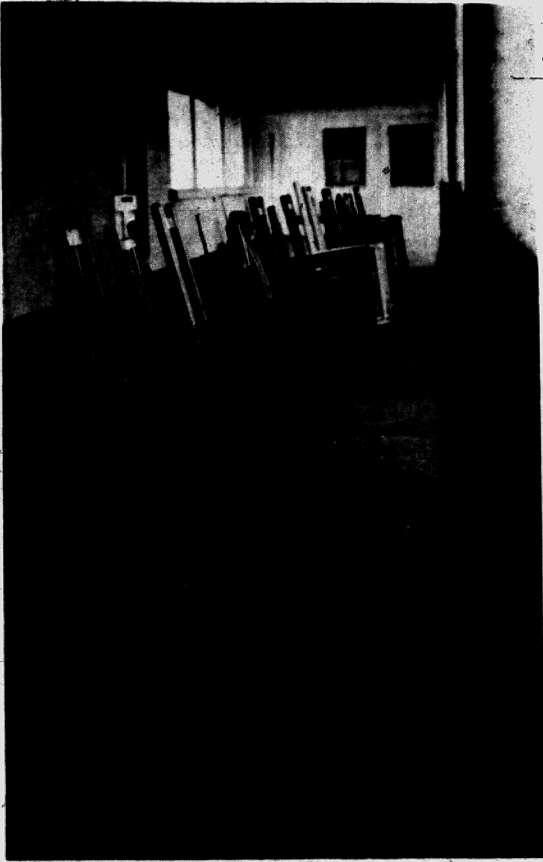
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LOOKED AS THOUGH IT WOULD BE A SHORT SERVICE! WHEN THE CHORUS Began, HE SAID...



NOW LET US ALL STAND FOR THE BENEDICTION!



ROCKERS ON PORCH of new Rhododendron Hall during 16-week orientation for new missionaries at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly. (Photo by Kenneth R. Bragg.)

Mountain Mission Dedicated In Chile By Baptist Missionaries

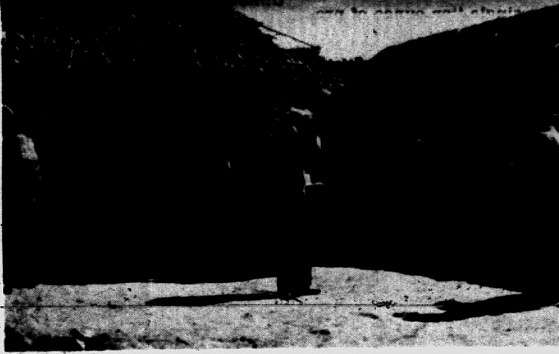
In the barren mountains of central Chile, a Baptist mission dedicated a new adobe-walled and cattail-roofed place of worship in August.

Oscar Carvajal, farmer and administrator of grazing land shared by 100 families, is preached for the little congregation (and for another mission nearby). The people of the area raise goats for meat, milk, and a minimum of money and grow meager fruit and vegetables on small irrigated plots in the semidesert mountainside.

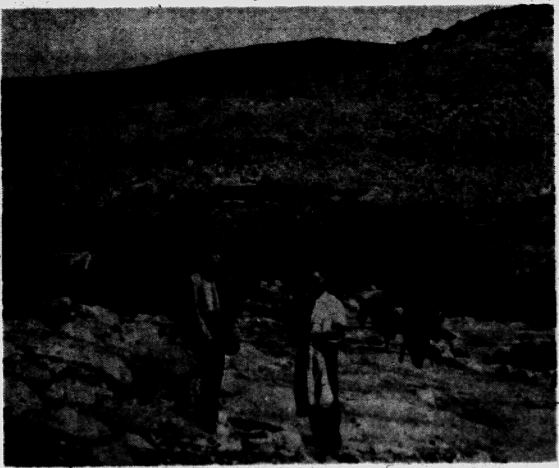
The Baptist church in Ovalle, Chile, pastored by Louis Ramirez, sponsors this and five other rural missions. Church members rented a bus to take them and their portable organ to the dedication service.

Others came afoot, including four young people—brothers and sisters—who walked four hours to attend. The brothers were among nine persons who made professions of faith in Christ that day.

Local folk and visitors shared a fellowship meal of bread baked in hot ashes and soup of goat meat and chicken.



PASTOR LUIS RAMIREZ (center) leads devotional during the dedication of a new building for the mission, one of six rural missions sponsored by his church in Ovalle, Chile. (Photo by H. Cecil McConnell)



PASTOR LUIS RAMIREZ (left), of Ovalle, Chile, and Oscar Carvajal, lay preacher, pause during trek from the road to the mission. The new mission building, Mr. Carvajal's house, and stone cotes for animals are in the background. The Baptist church in Ovalle sponsors the mission. (Photo by H. Cecil McConnell)



FOUR MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY (center) walked four hours to attend the dedication of the mission, and at the close of the dedication service the two brothers made professions of faith in Christ. With them are Oscar Carvajal (left), lay preacher for the mission, and Pastor Luis Ramirez, of the mission's sponsoring church in Ovalle, Chile. (Photo by H. Cecil McConnell)

Secular City Mission Explored

NASHVILLE (BP)—Four speakers at the Southern Baptist Communications Conference here explored the problems of communicating the Gospel to urban man in the secular city, concluding that Baptists must minister to the needs of people to be effective.

The speakers told of the tremendous needs of the people who live in the metropolitan centers of the nation, and said that these needs must be met by the church, not the government.

"The brightest hopes for real urban renewal do not lie in the programs of slum clearance and architectural redevelopment," said Tom Bland of Wake Forest, N. C. "The greatest needs and hopes for truly significant renewal is in renewal of persons," declared Bland, professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest.

The seminary ethics professor said that ministry to persons in the basic thrust of the Christian mission, and a basic role to today's churches.

"Helping persons to orient themselves savingly to God through Jesus Christ, and in so doing, to become new creations with a transformed perspective on life is the primary business of the churches," said Bland.

In another address, Southeastern Seminary Professor E. Luther Copeland, outlined the characteristics of "secular man" and prescribed five ways in which Baptists should seek to communicate with him.

Copeland said Baptists must (1) develop leaders for urban ministry, (2) communicate through dialogue by listening to what urban man has to say, (3) use every means of communication available, (4) develop a strategy of "lay penetration," and (5) be "incarnational" in nature.

"If we proclaim the kingdom of love and righteousness, secular man has a right to ask us to produce the works of love and righteousness," Copeland said.

"If we speak of the reconciling Gospel, secular man has a right to insist that we show him a reconciled Community," he added.

Capital Baptist, James O. Duncan, had described the results of a pilot project in urban studies, was sponsored jointly by the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, the SBC Home Mission Board, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Duncan said that 31 persons were enrolled as students in the seminar which studied in depth the problems of Christian ministries to the city. He concluded that Southern Baptists need to do more of this type of study in the future in order to help Baptists truly minister to the needs to secular man.

Final speaker on the program, C. Emmanuel Carlson of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs said he was greatly encouraged by this type of training program.

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Paul D. Ganey

Lucedale Calls Music Minister

Paul D. Ganey of Montgomery, Alabama has joined the staff of First Church, Lucedale, as minister of music. He is a graduate of Sidney Lanier High School of Montgomery.

Mr. Ganey has served First Church, Lake, Mississippi; Calvary in Montgomery, Alabama; Travis Road Church in Mobile, Alabama; and moved to First Church, Lucedale, from the Navco Church in Mobile.

He is married to the former Rebecca Adams of Opp, Alabama.

Rev. Joe Stovall is pastor of First Church, Lucedale.

are New Testaments. Some days there is a steady stream of people, all wanting to know who we are and how we are different and exactly what we believe. I talk with them and then refer them to the local Italian Baptist pastor for further discussion. We have preaching in Italian at night, and soon we are to start Bible study.

The by-products of our seeming defeat have been many. This small but dedicated group of Christians has supplied many of the tracts we give out, has given a youth camp, contributes to the Baptist orphanage in Rome, helps support an Italian pastor with travel money to reach more preaching points.

Most significant of all, however, is the fact that this small congregation has donated the initial funds to purchase property in Bollate—the very place we were denied entrance.

MILAN, ITALY

BY-PRODUCTS OF DEFEAT

By James E. Hester
Missionary to Italy

It is just a tiny chapel, formally consecrated by the Roman Catholic Church many years ago, a dot in Via Paulo Lomazzo on the street map of Milan, Italy. It was used during the black plague of the 14th century as a place to leave the hopelessly dying, used during World War II as a fascist aid station, used for a refuge by fleeing Nazis, as swastikas blacked in candle smoke on the low ceiling of the cellar give mute evidence.

Now it is a Baptist church. It would be only a dot in the shadow of the mighty cathedral of Milan. But our prayer is that it will cast a shadow of its own.

That cold gray day in February when we walked down a busy Milan street and first saw the dilapidated chapel, we thought, "It can't be. It is only an impossible dream."

For months we had been looking for a place to begin a new mission in Bollate, an industrial area a few kilometers from Milan. Each time we thought we had found a place some obstacle was thrown in the way. We felt totally defeated.

But here was a possibility, though not in Bollate.

We went to the bicycle shop next door and asked if it might be possible to rent the little chapel. We were assured that if we had the money it could be done. The chapel was owned by an elderly woman. We quickly secured five one-year options and signed the first one.

Then began the problems of restoration. We needed money. Italian engineering and law. Because the building is concrete we needed members. We needed encouragement. We actually needed degrees in sidered antique we had to be very careful not to change the facade and thus bring

down the wrath of the Department of Historical Arts.

But all these were happy problems. We had a point from which to work.

At this time there were in Milan three other families from the United States wishing for a Baptist church. The Lord led us together. We agreed there could be a unique way for all of us to have a part in the missionary task. They wanted a place to worship and serve; I wanted to be of service to them and to have a point from which to witness to the Italians. It was to be a wonderful adventure in collaboration.

Thanks to the generous giving of many, we were able to restore the little chapel quickly. The bilingual dedication service brought a thrill never to be forgotten. We had twice the number of people we could accommodate. In addition to the American families there were more than 100 Italians. Some were Baptist pastors and laymen, others were workmen who had restored the church. The majority

came out of curiosity but stayed to hear the simple gospel message of a living Christ. The man who owns the bar next door made his customers stand for more than two hours so he could offer us all his chairs.

We have only one service a week in English, and even then we switch languages when Italians, hearing our singing, come in from the street. What a wonderful sense of united effort and love is felt when those in the audience who do not understand Italian quietly bow their heads to pray as I begin to preach to those who have entered!

The same principle is used in Sunday School. We teach in English until the Italian children outnumber the Americans, and then we switch to Italian.

The rest of the week we witness to the Italians in enough to leave the chapel door open. A row of tracts is kept in the back near the street entrance; on the Lord's Supper table down front there



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Rhea Concerts Win Esteem For Guatemalan Baptists

By A. Clark Scanlon
GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala — During a three-day concert tour in Guatemala in early October, Dr. Claude H. Rhea, Jr., sang before about 600 people and sang and spoke to radio and television audiences estimated at more than 25,000.

Dr. Rhea is consultant in church music and mass communications for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

On the night of his arrival in Guatemala City, an estimated 20,000 viewers saw Dr. Rhea on a half-hour television program.

The next day he lunched with United States Ambassador John Gordon Mein and Mrs. Mein and sang for them and other guests.

That evening, in spite of a heavy rain, more than 500 people gathered to hear Dr. Rhea at a downtown theater. These comments were heard: From a music professor: "We have all too little of this type of music in Guatemala. I sincerely congratulate Baptists for bringing Dr. Rhea here."

From a young Roman Catholic: "This man sings from his heart. I am not sure I have had such an experience as his."

From a Catholic businessman from the United States: "It is wonderful to see a man like this, who could obviously make his way on anybody's opera stage, giving his life in the service of Christ. His faith must be very deep."

From a ministerial student: "If we could only have this man sing for us every service, we could have conversions each time."

The following day Dr. Rhea drove through the Guatemalan highlands to Quetzaltenango, second city of the republic.

There the municipal theater with its rich, crimson-decor looks like an European opera house of the last century. An audience of 300 sat down in the opera seats after singing the national anthem. Dr. Rhea stepped forward under a 9-by-12-foot sign proclaiming, "Christ, the Only Hope"

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Southern Alumni Plan Meeting

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Mississippi alumni of Southern Seminary will meet for their annual state meeting November 15 at 12:30 p.m., at Calvary Church, Jackson.

Representing the seminary will be evangelism professor Kenneth Chafin who will give a status report for the seminary. Included in the report will be the \$500,000 endowment campaign for the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism, already underway in fourteen states, and Southern Seminary's expanding enrollment.

In previewing his report, Chafin observed that enrollment was up for the sixth consecutive year at the seminary making Southern the only SBC related seminary to experience such a growth pattern in the past decade.

Plans for the meeting are being made by Dr. John G. McCall, pastor of First Church, Vicksburg, president of the state alumni group.

DAVIS CALLED TO ALABAMA

Rev. H. Arnold Davis of West Point, Mississippi, became pastor of the Nipier Field Church, Dothan, Ala., October 15.

Now in his third and last year of the Pastoral Training Course at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, this is his second pastorate. He was also interim pastor for three months at Darnascus and New Hope churches in Georgia.

Mr. Davis was a brick layer for five years before beginning his studies at BBI in 1964.

Mrs. Davis was Bessie Williams of Cedar Bluff, Miss. They have two sons, Halton, Jr. 10, and James Timothy 8.



AT PEARLHAVEN CHURCH, BROOKHAVEN, on October 1, there were recognized in the same special service seventeen officers and teachers who have combined total of 304 years of teaching and service in the Sunday school at Pearlhaven. Mrs. Theda Stephens (11 yrs.); Mrs. Myrtle White (13 yrs.); Mrs. Audrey Nevils and Mrs. Inez Thornhill (15 yrs.); Mrs. Gwen Gartman, Mrs. Ruby Pell, and Mrs. Effie Burt (16 yrs.); Mrs. Bernice Lovell, Mrs. Edith Morgan, Mrs. Margaret Bridges, Bill May, and Virgil Stewart, (17 yrs.); Mrs. Laverne Ratliff (18 yrs.); Mrs. Evelyn Jones and Mrs. Mary Ann Scott (23 yrs.); Mrs. Vera May (24 yrs.), and Mrs. Myra Lovell (29 yrs.). On the same date, 32 members of the Sunday school received perfect attendance pins. Those with perfect attendance over five years were Mrs. Lavern Ratliff, 13 years; William Furlow, five years; Dwayne Nevils, five years; Mrs. Edna Furlow, seven years; and Donnie Nevils, seven years. Rev. Ralph E. Brady is pastor.

Names In The News

Rev. Kenneth L. Gray is entering full-time evangelism. Ulman Baptist Church, Ulman, Missouri, where he was formerly pastor, recommends Mr. Gray "to Mississippi Baptists, Southern Baptists, and Baptists around the world, as sound in doctrine, full of the Holy Spirit, with a warm heart for pastors, and a message for the hour." He has pastored churches in Missouri for the past eight and one-half years. He may be addressed at 198 Ramble, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Evangelist Ed Bryon, of Clinton, conducted revivals in Vinesville Church, Birmingham, Ala., Bridgedale Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, and First Church, Nome, Texas, during the month of October.

Rev. E. Y. Solleau, former Mississippi pastor, was evangelist in a revival October 15-22 at First Southern Baptist Church, Brawley, California.

There were seven additions by letter, four professions of faith, two baptisms, and 34 rededications. Rev. S. A. Kopp is the pastor.

"C. H. (Pop) Stone from Gulfport was song leader for a revival October 9-15 at Victory Church, 1725 N. Burling St., Chicago, Illinois. The evangelist was Ed Corn from Tuxedo, N. C.; the pastor is Rev. Harold Cathey. There were 18 professions of faith, and two additions by letter. Mr. Stone led the singing October 16-22 for a meeting at 58th Avenue Church, (Rev. Earl Cathey, pastor) Cicero, Illinois, with Rev. Harold Cathey doing the preaching.

Dr. Don Stewart, chairman of Religion and Philosophy at William Carey College, was asked to review the study book on Luke before the Baptist pastors of Marion county on October 23 and the pastors of Jones county on November 6. The first meeting was held at First Church, Columbia, and the second will be at First Church, Ellisville. These special review sessions are intended to prepare the pastors for the annual January Bible study which will involve entire church communities.



Rev. Claude Francis
**MORGAN CITY
CALLS PASTOR**

Morgan City Church, LeFlore County, has called a new pastor, Rev. Claude B. Francis, who with his wife, Ethel, and two daughters, Shirley and Janet, moved on the field Oct. 6.

Mr. Francis, a retired Master Sergeant from the U. S. Air Force, attended Louisiana College for three years. He also studied in extension classes and correspondence courses while in the Air Force, and through Seminary Extension.

While in the Air Force he has held pastorates in Illinois, North Carolina, Louisiana, and Panama Canal Zone. The last seven years, in the pioneer mission area of South Dakota and Wyoming,

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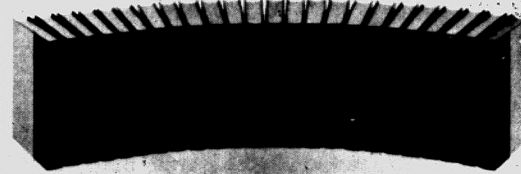
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God Speaks Through Tragedy

By Clifton J. Allen
Hosea 1-3; 8:1-3

As we continue our study of "Messages from the Prophets," we begin now a unit of four lessons from Hosea. He was a younger contemporary of Amos, and he was also a prophet of the Northern Kingdom. While much of his message had to do with the moral, social, and political issues of the times, Hosea was primarily a prophet of God's steadfast love.

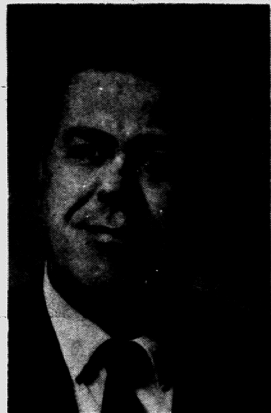
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THE TIMES OF HOSEA (1:1)
This verse identifies the political leadership of Judah and Israel during the time of Hosea's ministry. The nation was engulfed in sin. The same situation prevailed as formerly during the time of Amos, only it became worse. All the land had committed whoredom and was guilty of spiritual adultery and unfaithfulness (1:2). The people had turned to the worship of Baal, even to the point of calling Jehovah, "Baal" (2:13,16). Idolatry was on every side (4:17; 13:2). The people perished for lack of the knowledge of God and through the rejection of his law (4:6). The priests had become faithless and corrupt (4:6,9; 6:9). Lying diplomacy characterized the rulers (12:1).

PROPHET WITH A BROKEN HEART (1:2-9)
The verses we now study tell of a strange command of the Lord to Hosea: he was to take "a wife of whoredoms," that is, to marry a harlot. Some would interpret it as a literal command, which Hosea obeyed. Others consider this to be an allegory or a parable to illustrate a sublime truth. A more plausible interpretation seems to be that Hosea married a woman who proved to be such in her wedded life. The names given to the children were symbolic of the spiritual situation in Israel and of God's relationship with his people. The first child, a son, was called "Jezreel"—symbolic of the retributive justice of God that would come on Israel. The second one, a daughter, was called "Not pitied"—symbolic of the withdrawal of God's mercy from Israel, because the people refused to accept his mercy and brought his judgment upon themselves. The third child, a son, was called "Not my people"—symbolic of spiritual adultery, for the children of Israel were really not the people of Jehovah. Thus we have the unfolding story of Gomer's faithlessness. She betrayed Hosea's love and became an adulteress, though she was his wife. How true also of Israel!

LEARNING ABOUT GOD (3:1-3)
While we have a minimum of historical detail about Hosea's experience, we can supply some of the probable details. It seems that Gomer's sinful course led to the lowest depths. "She went after her lovers" until they had no interest in her. Even so, Hosea loved her in spite of all her shame. Thus he was willing to obey God's command to go and buy her out of slavery and shame and restore her to his home again. He loved her in spite of her wickedness and disgrace, in spite of all her infidelity, in spite of the heartbreak she had brought to him, in spite of everything! And he took her into his home until love and patience should effect reconciliation and forgiveness and restoration.

From his own experience, Hosea understood better the unfailing love of God for faithless Israel. **Truths to Live By**
The essence of sin is unfaithfulness toward God. Sin expresses itself in countless ways—terrible deeds of cruelty, shameful acts of lust, vicious attitudes of jealousy and hate, and cunning schemes of dishonesty and fraud. But behind these outward and inward expressions of evil there is self-will; and this self-will is rebellion against God, who has the right of absolute control and

who deserves wholehearted devotion. **God speaks through personal tragedy.**—How many times it becomes necessary for persons to encounter sickness, misfortune, or serious tragedy before they will listen to God. In such experiences, they are confronted by their own helplessness; and then they are willing to listen to the Lord of heaven. But tragedy and misfortune and affliction come to righteous and godly persons as well as to the disobedient and proud. It was so in the case of Job. God speaks to both saints and sinners through tragedy, if only the person, stricken in suffering, is willing to learn the lessons which God would like to teach. From tragedy, we can learn all the more clearly the nearness and comfort of God, the sufficiency of his grace, the reality of his Spirit, the blessings of his discipline and the wonder of his forgiving love.



Nathan Bullock
Joins Staff At Church Bldg. And Savings

Church Building and Savings Association has recently added to their staff, Nathan (Nat) Bullock of 3134 Bilgray Drive, Jackson, Miss. Bullock, a native of Greene County, Mississippi, attended the public schools of Greene County, at Leaf and McLain. He also attended the University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg and Draughtons Business College in Jackson. He is married to the former Jean Keith of Amite County, and they have two children, twins, Nathan, Jr. and Natalie, who attend Whitten Junior High School. A deacon at Daniel Memorial Church, Mr. Bullock has served in various positions of leadership in his Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Speedling MOBILECOUPLE MOVES TO McDOWELL RD.
Rev. John Speedling has recently assumed duties of associate pastor of the McDowell Road Church, where he will be in charge of the music and youth work. He is finishing his work on his Master's Degree in Religious Education from New Orleans Seminary. He moved to McDowell Road Church from the Ann Street Church in Mobile where he served for three years.

Mr. Speedling holds a B.A. degree from William Carey College, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Speedling, Sr., of Mobile. Mrs. Speedling holds a B.S. degree from William Carey College, and is currently teaching in the New Orleans School System. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Gray of Mobile.

LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—

Worshippers Must Be Honest

By Bill Duncan
Deut. 23:24-25; 25:13-16
Ephesians 4:22-23

I have heard it said that honesty is the best policy. However, for the Christian, honesty is the only policy. If there is one thing that will hurt a Christian witness, it is dishonesty. There is no excuse for a man not being honest with his neighbors or friends.

It is reported by a survey that 50% of the people are thieves, and another 25% will steal if given the opportunity. This leaves only one out of four that can be called honest. It is reported that there are millions of dollars stolen each year by employees from their employers. Even though stealing is accepted as the common thing in our day, God still condemns it in any situation or amount.

In our lesson, God is instructing the man who wants to worship never to be dishonest. These passages condemned the many ways of being dishonest even in our day. There are three groups condemned: the poor who take more than their share, the business man who uses dishonest practices, and the working man who steals instead of working.

Honesty Toward Ownership
Deut. 23:24-25

The poor people were provided for by the law. In this passage, a man was allowed to enter a vineyard or field and take what he needed to eat at the moment. However, he was not allowed to take any out of the field or vineyard in a vessel. The person would be taking the neighbor's crop if he did not eat the food in the field. This lays open to us the wisdom, goodness, tenderness, holiness, and righteousness which marked all the dealings of God with his people of old. This law was given to govern their conduct and to form their character.

If a person were to take more than the law allowed, then he would be greedy. So often it is dangerous for a person to be free to handle money or food when he is not trustworthy. The greedy person takes more than he is allowed and fails to be honest with himself. The poor begin to think that the world owes him a living and that there is no thing worthy of private ownership. The danger is that man who is natural will steal, and when he does sin enters the picture.

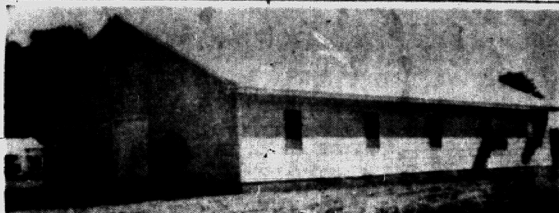
God's divine ownership is seen ultimately in everything. Therefore, he directs our use of it. The misuse of that which God lends us is sin. "In a scriptural sense, we are all God's guests: to presume on his hospitality by regarding his creation as ours unconditionally is a form of theft."

Honesty in Business
Deut. 25:13-16

Many people who are respected in community and church circles are guilty of dishonest business ethics. At the same time, they are just as guilty of robbing the public as if they had used a gun. We are fortunate that our government protects us by careful inspection of weighing scales. However, new ways of fraud are ever coming to the public notice. Donald Ackland reminds us that some modern advertising is deliberately misleading. Many people are shrewd in not fulfilling business contracts. The outrageous amount of interest that is charged is an example of dishonesty. The American public is being made aware of these many areas where one needs to be careful in business deals in such programs as True Labeling Law and consumer reports.

More than anything, a Christian needs to be honest in business. For one to be a true worshipper, he needs to be reminded that "all who do such things, all who act dishonestly, are an abomination to the Lord your God." (25:16 RSV) One needs not only to use correct weights of measure, but he needs to seek areas of bettering his Chris-

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Panola Association Admits

North Batesville Church

On October 16, 1967, the North Batesville Church, Batesville, was admitted to the Panola Association at its 47th annual session.

North Batesville began as East Batesville Mission, with eleven members. The mother church was Pilgrims Rest, of the same association.

The mission began services in 1916 by 32 army tent on borrowed property, in June of last year. By September they

had paid an option on a six acre block of land just inside the city limits on Highway 51, North, and were allowed to move in an old house there.

On March 5, 1967, Pilgrims Rest organized East Batesville Mission into North Batesville Church. Since that time the new auditorium with pastor's study, restrooms, baptistry space, and storage room has been built on the land purchased, and the old building turned into educational space. Eventually this building will all be converted into educational space and a new auditorium built.

Since the beginning nearly 17 months ago, 161 people have come forward, 63 for baptism, the rest by letter and statement.

The pastor of North Batesville is Rev. Lee Hudson, a native of Panola County.



JOE RAY UNDERWOOD has accepted the position as minister of music at South Louisville Church, Louisville, Rev. Gwin H. Middleton, pastor. Previously he served in a similar position at Mantee Church. Mr. Underwood is Pre-Admissions Counselor at Mississippi State University, where he is working toward a Master's degree in Guidance Education.

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DEVOTIONAL

"Music In The Soul"

By John W. Flowers

Pastor, First Church, Senatobia

"Speaking to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19.

Music must forever be heralded as the universal language for it knows no country, race, or creed; but gives to each according to his need. The savage loved the crude sound and beat of the tom-tom and felt the song with its wild and formless crooning.

In man's advance down the cultural avenue, the melodies were achieved and finally harmonies and sequences, as he applied mathematics to tones, their relation and duration. Thus, he brought into being the art of expressing sentiment in sound, making it intelligent and creating genius.

Man's progress may be measured by the span from the crazy sun dance of the savage to the Beethoven symphony.

Pleasing sounds are a necessary food to human beings and can reduce the friction of daily life and add joy to existence. Music then is nature's high water mark, for when the brook is full and goes with strong, pulsating current toward the sea, its rush makes sweet music.

Music with its intense vitality can lift the soul to beauty and courage, enabling it to fill the days with melodies and harmonious paeans.

Heaven cannot be too far from man, for music, it is said, is the speech of angels. Of all the utterances familiar to the human ear, none, save music, lifts man so close to the Divine and introduces him to the Infinite.

The mind and heart, the ready reservoirs for music's satisfying moods, sweeps the horizon of nature's best gifts until it appears that every reed and pipe in God's great organ of the universe responds in tribute to all those who have shared their genius with the world. Therefore, let us sing and make melody in our hearts and free our souls of the crude and careless, the sad and hurtful, until our very being becomes another skillfully stroked string on the harp of God.

PRAYER

In our better selves, music lies unheard.

In our untouched souls, beauty hides unseen.

To reveal the music and behold the beauty

The Master Craftsman's touch we need.

O touch us with thy skillful hand.

Let not our music die unheard.

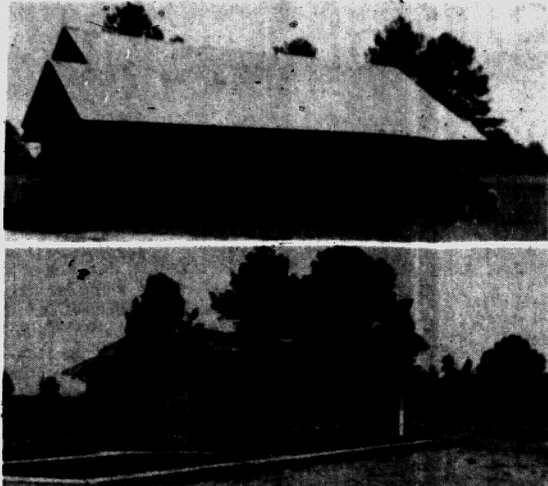
Reveal our beauty, release our song

Until the world thy creative touch has known.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Wesson Church: Oct. 1-6; Rev. James E. Smith, guest speaker; Johnny Russell, music director; 44 decisions—7 by letter, 3 professions of faith, 33 rededications, 1 by statement; 28 students from Co-Lin Jr. College made decisions during the week; Dr. Kenneth Rainey is interim pastor.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL: The World Health Organization has organized a new committee to provide an international approach linking alcoholism and drug addiction as two aspects of the same problem. Among the committee's first statements was that dependency, whether on alcohol or drugs, is a public health problem with which the medical profession should be directly concerned.



CALVARY CHURCH, Forest, was admitted to Scott Association this fall. Shown above are the "before" and "after," the church's old and new buildings.

Calvary, Forest, Joins Scott County Association

Calvary Church, Rt. 4, Forest, was admitted to the fellowship of Scott County Association at the annual associational meeting Oct. 16-17.

Calvary is one year old, having been organized on September 28, 1966. Rev. Holmes Carlisle, Supt. of Missions for Scott County, aided in the organizational meeting. The

church met in homes of the members for the first four meetings. Afterwards, they obtained possession of a dwelling on the church property where they met until their new building was completed in July of this year.

The Building Program was launched with ground-breaking on March 19, and Dedication Services were held on July 23. The Building Committee included Albert Harkey, Chairman, S. F. Barfield, Sonny Stubbs, Jimmy Stokes, Johnie Brittain, and Rev. George Jones, Pastor. The Decorating Committee was composed of Mrs. Kay Stokes, Mrs. Mary Spivey, and Mrs. Lorene Brittain.



J. B. Rev. James D. Betts

Watson

Oakland Heights Church, Meridian: Nov. 5-12; Rev. James Watson, evangelist and J. B. Betts, music evangelist, both team members of the James D. Watson Church Evangelism Association, Indianapolis; weekday services 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. John G. Brock, pastor.

Clarence Palmer Retires As Pastor At Chalybeate

On the first Sunday in October Rev. Clarence Palmer preached his last sermon as pastor of Chalybeate Church after having served for 19½ years.

The church honored Rev. & Mrs. Palmer by designating the new church annex as the "Palmer Annex" and it was dedicated after the noteburning ceremony.

The WMU presented Mrs. Palmer with a beautiful silver tray and the church gave the Palmers a handsome love and appreciation gift in the form of money.

Following these services a delicious dinner was served in the new "Palmer Annex." The Palmers now reside at Corinth, 2001 Proper Street, where Mrs. Palmer teaches, and Mr. Palmer plans to do pulp supply, teach and do mission work.

Baptist Educator Praises Vietnam Troop Morale

AUSTIN, Tex. (BP)—Guy D. Newman, president of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., who returned recently from Asia, has praised the morale of the American fighting man in Vietnam.

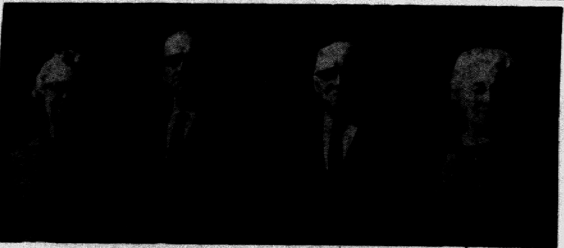
"Whether we should have gone there in the first place is an academic question," he told board of directors of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs here.

"Now that we are there, it seems that, by and large most of us believe we should stay until an honorable peace ensues and the Communists are convinced that we are not a 'paper tiger'!"

and Rev. David Millican.

Reports from the 29 churches in the association listed 235 baptisms, 6,643 Sunday School enrollment and 2,554 enrolled in Training Union, the Rev. Mr. Puckett said.

The oldest messengers at the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bearden and Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Pope. They were honored with special recognition for their long and faithful service.



REV. AND MRS. C. C. WEAVER (left) and Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Abel who were honored by Winston Association

Association Honors Two Pastors

Winston County Baptist Association in its 129th annual meeting recognized Rev. C. C. Weaver and Rev. W. B. Abel for their many years of service as ministers of the gospel.

Mr. Weaver has preached 53 years, now retired, but has accepted the call as interim pastor at Dry Creek Church.

Mr. Abel has preached over 52 years and is now serving as interim pastor at Macedonia. The wives were recognized for their helpfulness to their husbands in the work.

Reports were made during the sessions which show that the present membership in the 29 churches is 5,327, with 3,729 enrolled in Sunday School; 2,061 in Training Union; 851

in Woman's Missionary Union; 318 in Brotherhood; 1,796 in Vacation Bible Schools in 26 churches. There are 22 churches having full-time services and 7 with half-time.

Total receipts for the year were \$325,629. Pastors' salaries were \$102,353. Total Mission gifts were \$79,445; church property was valued at \$1,985,987.

Officers to serve during the coming year are Rev. W. C. Smith, moderator; Rev. E. S. Hall, vice-moderator; Mrs. Harrell Goodin, treasurer and Mrs. W. B. Boatner, clerk. The Superintendent of Missions is W. B. Boatner who will begin his 5th year of service in this association January 1.



REV. AND MRS. S. G. POPE (left) and Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Bearden were honored by Pike Association for their long and faithful service.

Pike Association Recognizes Two Couples For Long, Faithful Service

Rev. Odean Puckett, pastor of the First Church of Summit was elected moderator for the Pike County Baptist Association when it met for the 68th session.

Others serving with Mr. Puckett will be Hershal Gra-

dy, associate moderator; Rev. O. C. Ladnier, clerk; J. R. Hurst, associate clerk; Ralph Reeves, treasurer, and Rev. James Riley, state board member.

Inspirational messages were delivered to the group by Rev. Bob Lynch, Rev. Elton Moore

First, Wiggins Calls Pastor

Rev. J. Ray Grissett has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Wiggins, and has moved there from Cove Church, Panama City, Florida, where he had been pastor since 1962.

Born in Mobile, Alabama, he graduated from Hattiesburg High School, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. Other former pastorates included Richburg Church, near Hattiesburg, and First, Beaumont.

Mr. Grissett has been active in associational and state Baptist work, in all his pastorates, serving on numerous committees. He led the Northwest Coast Association, as Sunday school superintendent, to become one of the three standard associations in Florida in 1964-65. He has led his churches in setting baptismal records.

He has been a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and of the Florida Baptist Convention's Committee on Committees. He has been speaker for Florida's School of Prophets, youth pastor and evening speaker for West Florida Baptist Assembly, and preached the doctrinal message for the Florida Baptist Convention in 1963.

He is married to the former Thelma Saucier of Hattiesburg. They have one son and one daughter.



Rev. J. Ray Grissett

The church has experienced a continual growth in the training program as well as in membership. There were 28 charter members with 17 new members coming during the year — 8 by letter, 1 on statement, and 8 for baptisms.

Mother: Did you eat all the cookies?

Sis: I didn't touch one.

Mother: There's only one left.

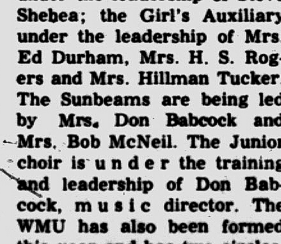
Sis: That's the one I didn't touch.

Beacon Street Shows Evidence Of Growth

Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia, has voted to work for a doubled Sunday school enrollment during the 1967-68 church year. This church, has added 90 new members since Nov. 20, 1967, the majority of through profession of faith.

The Sunday school organizational staff has already been doubled. Mrs. E. S. Cole is the new Superintendent of Training. Mrs. Sidney Hamilton, as the new Superintendent of Enrollment, will work closely with the pastor, Rev. H. S. Rogers, and the Sunday school superintendent, Chester Clark.

Monday afternoons, parents transport children directly from school to the church. The hours between 3:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. are set aside for the youth organizations and activities. Included among the new organizations are the Royal Ambassadors under the leadership of Steve Sheba; the Girl's Auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. Ed Durham, Mrs. H. S. Rogers and Mrs. Hillman Tucker. The Sunbeams are being led by Mrs. Don Babcock and Mrs. Bob McNeil. The Junior choir is under the training and leadership of Don Babcock, music director. The WMU has also been formed this year and has two circles.



Westwood Calls Associate Pastor

Rev. Buel B. Patton, Jr., has been called as associate pastor of Westwood Church, Meridian, after having served in this capacity during the summer months.

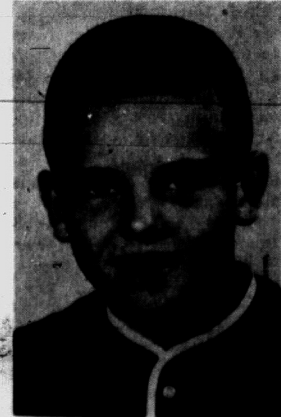
Mr. Patton announced his call to preach while speaking as Baptist Men's Day speaker at Mt. Horeb Church on January 22, 1967. He was licensed to preach by the Mt. Horeb Church on February 1. Until the time he went to serve as associate pastor at Westwood on June 4, he had averaged preaching more than one time a week. He was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Mt. Horeb Church on June 25, where Rev. J. W. Coker is pastor.

Mr. Patton is a native of Meridian and is married to the former Linda Faye Gibson, also of Meridian. The Pattons are the parents of two daughters, Malinda Dawn 3, and Billie Dena 1. Having moved to the church field soon after his call, Patton commutes to Clarke College where is a freshman.

New Hope In Simpson County Sets Homecoming

The New Hope Baptist Church in Simpson County will have their annual Homecoming Day Sunday, November 5th with the program beginning at 10:45.

There will be all day singing and fellowship with dinner at the noon hour. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend.



JEFF SULLIVAN, age 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Sullivan, has completed five years' perfect attendance in Sunday school at New Sardis Church, Smith County.



NEW BOOK—Dr. W. W. Stevens (left), chairman of the Division of Religion and professor of Bible and New Testament Greek at Mississippi College, looks over the first shipment of his new book just released from the publisher. Aiding him in the unpacking is Carl Horworth, manager of the college bookstore. The book, entitled *Doctrines of the Christian Religion*, is being taught in 16 colleges throughout the nation. (M. C. Photo)

MC Prof Writes Textbook

A much needed textbook of Christian doctrine on the college and university level has been released under the authorship of Dr. William W. Stevens, chairman of the Division of Religion and professor of Bible and New Testament Greek at Mississippi College.

The 410-page text, published first in mimeographed form, will not only provide a book for college and university students, but will also fulfill the demand for a "layman's theology."

Written on the assumption that the reader has only a meager knowledge of the Bible, the book is fully outlined with footnotes and exhaustive indices.

Dr. Stevens, a member of the Mississippi College faculty since 1955, said his teaching experience revealed that students will not stop reading the textbook long enough to refer to their Bible when biblical references are given. Therefore both the reference and passage are included in his book.

Published by the William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich., the cover design is attractively

done using Biblical symbols—triangle, circle and cross.

The equilateral triangle is the symbol of the Trinity, with its blue color signifying heavenly love and truth. The circle, with its continuity, perfection, and completeness, is the representation of eternal life. It is colored red, symbolic of blood, love, and zeal.

The Jerusalem cross (five-fold cross) represents the displacement of the law by the gospel, which is typified by the four small crosses. It is also used as the emblem of missionary work, with the large center cross symbolizing the original church in Jerusalem, and the four outer crosses the four corners of the earth, to which Christianity was proclaimed.

The book jacket itself is white, standing for purity, joy, and the bright light of the truth.

Doctrines of the Christian Religion is now being used as a text in 16 colleges throughout the country.

The book is the second written by Dr. Stevens. *That Ye May Believe* was published in 1959. He is currently completing work on *A Cup, A Cross, and a Crown*, scheduled for publication soon.

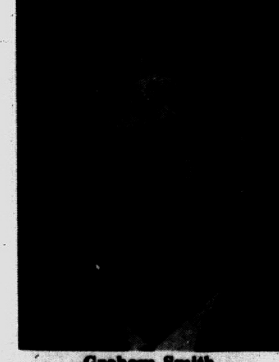
Joins Staff At Pascagoula

L. Graham Smith has accepted a call as Minister of Music of First Church, Pascagoula.

For the past two and one-half years the Smiths have been living in Laurel, where he served as Minister of Music at First Church.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Mississippi College and received his Master's degree in Conducting at New Orleans Seminary. He served as Minister of Music at Collins Church, and Central Church, Port Arthur, Texas, before going to Laurel.

A native of Gulfport, he is married to the former Alice McCann of Hattiesburg. They are the parents of two children, Alicia Claire, 5, and Louis Graham, 2.



Graham Smith

Joins Staff At Ist, Ellisville

Dewitt Pickering, Geneva, Alabama, has accepted the call of First Church, Ellisville, as minister of music and education.

He is a native of Jones County, Hebron Community. His wife, the former Marilyn Giles, also is a native of Jones County. They have two children, Delia 7, and Neil 5.

Mr. Pickering is a graduate of Mississippi College, where he earned a B.A. degree, and New Orleans Seminary, B.D. degree. Before going to the First Church, Geneva, Alabama, where he is now serving, he served First Church, Taylorsville, in a similar capacity.

Rev. H. R. Denham Jr., is pastor.

Family Relations Council Meeting Set In Jackson

The Mississippi Council on Family Relations will hold its annual session at 9:00 a. m. Thursday Nov. 9, 1967 in room 255 Hotel Heidelberg, Jackson. A cordial invitation to all to attend these meetings is extended by the President of the Mississippi Council, Dr. Mildred Witt, Dept. of Home Economics, MSCW.

The theme for this year's program is "The Community's Role In Sex Education." Four addresses will be directed toward a better understanding of the theme.

The discussions will be followed by a film at 2:00 on "Parent to Child About Sex"

Off The Record

FOUND—As he paid his bill, the departing guest turned and yelled to the bellboy: "Quick, run up to Room 424 and see if I left my razor. Run, I've just seven minutes to catch my train!"

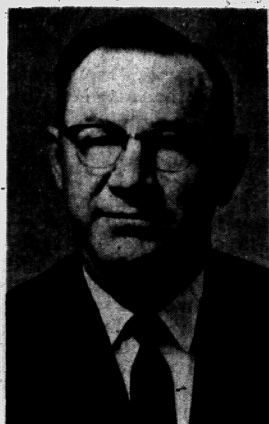
Five minutes later the boy raced back to report breathlessly, "Yes, sir, it's up there."—Baptist Observer

APPRAISAL—"The music was nice," replied the little girl when the minister asked how she liked the service, "but I thought your commercial was too long."—Lookout

State Convention To Meet In Capital City Next Week



Claude Townsend
President



Rev. N. F. Davis
Preacher

An expected 1500 messengers from the 1866 churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention are scheduled to meet in annual session Nov. 14-16 in Jackson's historic First Baptist Church.

Highlights of the session will be consideration of the report of the Long Range Christian Education Committee and the adoption of a record high Cooperative Program budget for 1967-68.

The 132nd session of the body will get underway Tuesday morning at 9:15 with adjournment set to follow the annual youth night session

The opening Tuesday morning session will be one of the highlights with Claude Townsend, of Florence, convention president, scheduled to be in the chair.

Mr. Townsend will bring the keynote address with the convention sermon to be given by Rev. N. F. Davis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mendonhall.

Other features of this session will include the introduction of new workers, committee reports, presentation of budget and the reading and referral of any resolutions.

A large number of inspirational speakers will be featured this year.

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and one of the denomination's outstanding preachers, will speak twice the closing day of the convention.

He will bring the closing message at the First Baptist Church Thursday afternoon and also be the speaker for the Youth Night session Thursday evening in the Mississippi Coliseum.

Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will also be a featured speaker.

Dr. Paschall, pastor of First

Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will deliver the principal address Tuesday evening when State Missions will be emphasized under direction of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Other inspirational speakers will be Dr. C. E. Autrey, director of the Division of Evangelism in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Dr. David Q. Byrd, pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn.; Dr. Leslie Wright, president of Samford University, Birmingham; Dr. Kenneth Chafin, associate professor of evangelism, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville and Rev. LeRoy Smith, area superintendent of missions for the Mgn-

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Monday Busy Day In City

Mississippi Baptists' "biggest week of the year" will begin Monday with several meetings related to the convention and close Thursday night with the annual giant youth rally in the Mississippi Coliseum.

Monday will witness the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference and the pre-convention session of the State Convention Board.

The Board meeting will be held at the Baptist Building in Jackson at 2:00 p. m. with its Executive Committee to meet at 10:00 a. m.

The Men's Conference will be held at the First Baptist Church in Jackson, beginning at 3:30 p. m. and adjourn at 9 p. m. following a message by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

The afternoon session will adjourn in ample time for the men to get to Daniel Memorial Baptist Church on Terry Road where the annual banquet will be held at 5:30 p. m. Rev. Elmer Howell, director of the Brotherhood Department, who will preside, said that 600 men are expected for the banquet. Food, fellowship and inspiration will be featured.

R. L. Sherrick, business manager of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis will be the principal speaker.

Tickets to the banquet can be secured for \$1.00 each by contacting the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

The evening session at the First Baptist Church will begin at 7:30 o'clock with Roy Kuykendall, of Newton, president of the Mens Conference, in the chair.

Music will be under direction of Dallas Ryborn of Hattiesburg.

Presiding over the afternoon session will be Paul Harrell, associate in the Brotherhood Department.

Pre-Convention Issue

This issue of the Baptist Record is devoted primarily to the 132nd session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention scheduled for next week.

One of the principal reports to the body will be that of the Long Range Committee on Christian Education.

A highlight of that report is found elsewhere on this page. An editorial on the same subject is found on page 2 and complete text of this important report is carried on pages 3, 4, 5, 6.



Jackson will be the host city to the Mississippi Baptist Convention next week. First Baptist Church can be seen in upper left with Mississippi Coliseum in upper right.

North America Baptists Make Plans For Crusade

CHICAGO (BP)—Fifty representatives of eight nationwide Baptist bodies meeting here, urged their local churches to stage joint rallies in every North American city as a part of the Crusade of the Americas.

The leaders met to coordinate the plan for the Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada participating in the hemispheric evangelism effort.

The 1966 crusade will involve about 25 million Baptists belonging to 38 national bodies in 28 countries of North, Central and South America.

The proposed local level joint rallies in North American cities would be only one part of the hemispheric plan for the Crusade.

Much of the two-day meeting here was devoted to a sharing of the specific plans projected by the participating Baptist bodies in North America.

Plans were also discussed for a Continental Congress on Evangelism to involve about 2,500 Baptists from throughout North America in 1968.

The Continental Congress is scheduled Oct. 10-13 at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.

In a major action, an eight-member steering committee was created to coordinate plans for the North American Continental Congress, and to serve as a clearing house for sharing information with North American Baptists involved in the Crusade.

W. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., and earlier elected North American regional coordinator of the Crusade of the Americas, is chairman of the steering committee.

Elected vice chairman of the steering committee was Gordon H. Anderson, executive secretary of Home Mis-

sions for the Baptist General Conference (Swedish Baptists), Chicago. Other steering committee officers are: secretary, Kenneth R. Kennedy, executive secretary of the General Association of General Baptists, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; and treasurer, Daniel Fuchs, associate general secretary of missions for the North American Baptist General Conference, Forest Park, Ill.

The steering committee was requested to create whatever sub-committees it feels are necessary to care for the details of planning, promoting, and staging the Continental Congress in Washington, D.C.

During this session, the fifty

leaders considered possible ideas for the Continental Congress, listing more than three dozen possible speakers, about two dozen issues and topics for discussion, and numerous promotion ideas.

Actual implementation of the ideas and invitations to the speakers was led to the steering committee.

The steering committee was also requested to arrange with the American Bible Society for publication of a yet-to-be determined number of Gospels of John in "Today's English Version", and a colorful folder of scripture portions from the Gospel of John for distribution.

'66-67 COOPERATIVE GIFTS \$3,372,852

Cooperative Program receipts for the Convention year 1966-67, ending Nov. 1, totaled \$3,372,852.87, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

This is an increase of \$181,367.87 or 5.7% over the \$3,191,485 given the previous Convention year of 1965-66.

"While we rejoice over the amount given the past year, which was an all-time record high, we fell \$97,147.13 short of our budget goal of \$3,470,000," Dr. Quarles said.

Receipts for October totaled \$372,399.51, a decrease of \$10,845.54 or 2.8% under the \$383,245.05 given in October a year ago.

Rev. John Alexander, secretary of the Stewardship Department, pointed to the proposed Cooperative Program budget goal of \$3,800,000 for this coming year of 1967-68 and takes this means of urging every church to make every effort so that we can reach this challenging goal.

He added that this proposed objective, to be considered by the State Convention next week in its annual meeting in Jackson, "is the largest in Mississippi Baptist history but within reach if our people will rise up and meet the challenge."

"The three field workers in the Stewardship Department, Rev. Clarence Cutrell, Rev. N. F. Greer and myself, stand ready to assist any church or association in Stewardship education or promotion."

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the denomination and accounts for about two-thirds of the total mission contribution.

Cooperative Program funds are divided proportionately among all causes sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention.

The Cooperative Program was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Memphis in the year 1925.

Graham Tokyo Crusade Closes

TOKYO, Japan (Special)—Korakuen Baseball Stadium was the sight of a 36,000 person standing room only crowd here Sunday afternoon and the "pitcher" was an evangelist by the name of Billy Graham. He "threw" from a small platform built over second base.

It was not the final game of the Japan World Series between the Tokyo Giants and the Hankyu Braves, because that was in this stadium Saturday afternoon. But today's "game" was the concluding service of the Billy Graham Tokyo International Crusade.

A cold north wind blew at 15 miles per hour across the baseball diamond where the Giants downed the Braves 9 to 3 in the sixth and final game of the 1967 series for this country.

Mr. Graham drew the largest crowd for a Christian meeting ever held in the Far East and today's afternoon audience represented more than twice the number of Christians in this world's largest city. It is estimated that 16,000 Christians live in Tokyo.

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Christian Education Committee To Report

The Long Range Christian Education Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will make its report to the body next week with the frank declaration that "Mississippi Baptists cannot hope to continue their four colleges even on the basis of present quality unless they increase the present schedule of financial support."

The 44-page report, to be presented by Dr. Donald B. Roark, Yazoo City, chairman, will be considered by the convention, meeting at the First Baptist Church in Jackson, from 2:25-3:10 Tuesday afternoon.

The committee, of 12 was named at the 1965 session of the Convention and is making its complete report at this meeting.

The report, closing with a series of recommendations, deals with various aspects of the denomination's colleges.

These include: Philosophy and purpose, curriculum, recruitment and admissions, financial support and college denominational relations.

In its introduction the report points-up the problem by stating that "One of the very real resulting issues is not whether our schools are good but whether they are good enough to meet tomorrow's problems."

"In times like these when even a machine can be taught

or location, can escape the impact of the Federal government's involvement in higher education. Of the 2,200 institutions of higher learning of the United States, about 1,800 participate in one or more federally supported or sponsored programs.

"Even an institution which receives no federal dollars is affected—for it must compete for faculty, students, and private dollars with the institutions that do receive federal funds."

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SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS Mississippi Baptist Convention

First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi
November 14-16, 1967
Tuesday Morning

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| 9:15 Organ Prelude | Hazel Chisholm |
| 9:30 Song and Praise | Noxie Taylor |
| 9:35 Special Music | Louis Bridges |
| 9:40 Scripture | J. R. Davis |
| Prayer | Gene Triggs |
| 9:45 Organization of Convention | |
| Call to Order | |
| Recognition of Messengers | |
| Report of Committee on Order of Business | |
| 10:05 Welcome and Announcements | |
| 10:10 Introduction of New Workers, Chester L. Quarles | |
| Pastors | |
| Music and Educational Directors | |
| Superintendents of Associational Missions | |
| Directors of Student Work | |
| State Workers | |
| 10:25 President's Address | Claude Townsend |
| 11:00 Report of Committee on Committees | Russell McIntire |
| 11:15 Resolutions Presented & Referred | |
| 11:20 Presentation of Budget | W. Douglas Hudgins |

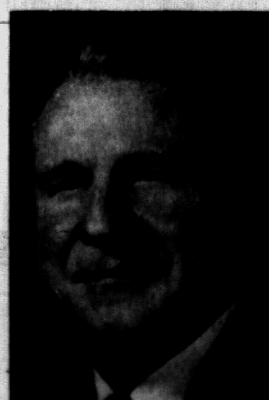
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Memphis Baptist Hospital Opens New Facility

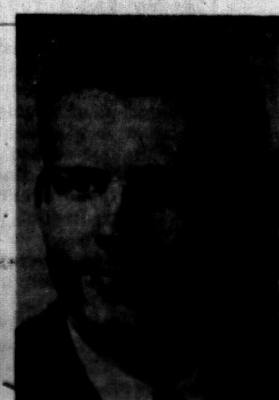
MEMPHIS — Baptist Memorial Hospital will open the first hospital operated Extended Care Facility in this area of the country on Nov. 1. The unit will care for patients who no longer require the intensive services of a general hospital, but who continue to need medical supervision and services of para-medical personnel.

Patients in the facility will have access to restorative and rehabilitative services such as physical therapy, recreational program, occupational therapy and medical social service. They also will be accorded a high standard of nursing care. Close supervision of patient care will be available from a staff medical specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

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Dr. W. A. Criswell
Youth Night Speaker



Dr. Claude H. Rhee
Youth Night Song Leader



James V. Thrash, Jr.
Youth Night Organist



Eva Carolyn Ashman
Youth Night Pianist

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This Issue

This is one of the most unusual issues of the Baptist Record which we ever have published, since the inside four pages are entirely given to the report of the Long Range Committee on Christian Education. This is one of the most important reports to be presented to the convention in many years, and when the Record was asked by the committee to publish it in full, we were glad to give the space to it. We sincerely hope that you will take the time carefully to read and study the report in order to understand better the educational problems Mississippi Baptists are facing.

The Coming Convention

As Mississippi Baptists assemble for their annual convention next week, they gather at a time of denominational harmony and church prosperity. There probably never has been a time when most of the churches were more prosperous financially, (even though this may be largely because of inflation), and even in the spiritual realm the churches generally are in good condition. Moreover in the area of harmony and cooperation, there seldom has been a time in history when Baptists of the state were more united, or more completely behind the denominational programs. This gives promise of a convention session of spiritual power and forward-looking action.

Only two major issues face this convention, although other matters of importance will be considered. The major issues are the adoption of the largest world missions budget in the convention's history, and the receiving of the report of the Long Range Committee on Christian Education.

Other important matters which will be considered include the plans for the "Crusade of the Americas." The year 1968 will be the final year of preparation for that crusade and decisions and plans must be made now for participation in all that Southern Baptists and other groups are doing to get ready for this mighty evangelistic effort.

It is not anticipated that any controversial or divisive issues will come before the convention. The report of the committee on Christian Education does not contain controversial recommendations so should not raise problems. The budget has received careful study by the Convention Board, and should be received and adopted without serious debate.

Messengers should come to this convention in a spirit of prayer that Mississippi Baptists may have the faith and dedication to rise to the challenge of the open doors God is setting before them today. Never have there been such mission needs or a greater opportunity in education, evangelism, church growth and development, and other areas of work.

We would suggest that every church in the state make the convention a matter of prayer in its services next Sunday. Pray that God may lead and guide Mississippi Baptists in this critical hour of history.

The Christian Education Report

The Long Range Committee on Christian Education, which will make its report to the convention next week, has rendered a monumental service to Mississippi Baptists. The committee, appointed two years ago, and comprised of a group of top leadership in Mississippi Baptist life, both laymen and preachers, has worked under the direction of its chairman, Donald Roark of Yazoo City. It has made one of the most comprehensive and exhaustive studies of the whole Mississippi Baptist program of higher education ever made by any group.

The report, which is published in full in this issue of the Baptist Record, is a long one, but it is MUST reading for every Mississippi Baptist who wishes to be well informed concerning the actual situation faced by state Baptists in the field of higher education, and what they MUST do if they are to remain in that field.

Decisions concerning higher education which the Mississippi Baptist Convention must make in this and coming years, should be based upon facts—rather than sentiment, and this report provides the facts, and some conclusions and recommendations based upon them.

It has been well known for several years that all private colleges were facing a crisis, and that Mississippi Baptist institutions were included. Trustees and administrators of our schools have grappled with increasingly serious problems, and have continued to inform the constituency of the difficulties which were developing. However, for the first time, a committee has been given the assignment of taking a serious look at these problems, summarizing them, and offering suggested solutions. This special committee has done its work well, and at last Mississippi Baptists can look at the problems with full information in hand.

The report is startling in some of its statements. One is sobered when he reads such statements as these:

"Unless Baptists are willing to provide financial support that makes it possible for their institutions to render distinctive service, they have no business in the field of higher education. A weak and struggling Baptist college in this era of mass support for public higher education cannot be justified."

"No institution of higher learning regardless of its size or location can escape the impact of the Federal government's involvement in higher education. Of the 2,200 institutions of higher learning in the United States, about 1,800 participate in one or more federal supported or sponsored programs. Even an institution which receives no federal dollars is affected—for it must compete for faculty, students, and private dollars with institutions that do receive federal funds."

"Mississippi Baptist colleges find themselves in some measure of financial distress. Present sources of current income do not yield sufficient funds even to provide for a reasonably limited program of instruction. Adequate funds to meet capital needs for expansion of facilities are not in sight. Most of our institutions thus find themselves uncomfortably near the margin of creditable quality."

The report adds "The denomination has the privilege of providing adequate facilities and the proper atmosphere in which the student can grow intellectually and increase in his understanding of the meaning of a vital faith in God. Baptist institutions of higher learn-

ing which are not distinctive in this sphere have little basis for their existence."

Concerning finances the report says "Unless larger income can be secured from other sources, the cost to students will necessarily continue to increase." and "It seems clear that if our institutions are to survive during the next two decades, they must secure endowment funds that approximate the recommended \$4,000 per student. It is strongly urged that endowment funds be secured to meet the suggested minimum as early as possible."

Speaking concerning faculty salaries, the report says, "With the difference here noted between the salaries paid by public institutions and Baptist institutions in Mississippi it seems clear that Baptists are in no position to recruit and retain qualified faculty members, to say nothing of the lack of ability to secure faculty members of outstanding quality."

Summarizing all of the financial problems the report says "Mississippi Baptists cannot hope to continue the operation of their four colleges even on the basis of present quality unless they increase the present schedule of financial support. In other words, it should be understood that operation on the present financial basis will make it impossible for some of the colleges to continue in the years ahead."

The report is not negative, for after its findings and conclusions, it makes some positive recommendations concerning operation of the colleges. However, these are based largely upon the premise that the convention does provide much larger financial support for Christian education. The report offers some alternatives in case of failure to find a way to provide adequate financial support. These include going out of the business of providing Christian higher education, closing some schools and or combining some of them, operating sub-standard schools which soon will die, releasing some of the schools to become private institutions not related to the denomination, accept federal aid, etc. The report does not recommend any of these, but simply says that either we must provide substantial increases in financial aid, or we will find it necessary to do some of these other things.

This report makes clear that the real Christian educational problems are not primarily those which have been debated by Mississippi Baptists during the last few years. Indeed this report does not touch on the subject of compliance agreements, and says very little about federal aid. The real issues before Mississippi Baptists are "How much money can we provide for Christian education?" and "What kind of an educational program can we provide with the money we are able and willing to give?"

These then are the issues which Mississippi Baptists face as they receive this report. The committee has done its job well, and is bringing the problems realistically into focus. They have made some positive suggestions which should be accepted and implemented. There is nothing of a controversial nature in the report, and there is no reason that it should create division.

What is should do is startle us and challenge us, and start us on the road to positive action toward a real solution of the educational problems. Just adopting it and forgetting it will not be enough. This will leave the problems still unsolved, just as in the past.

The time has come when Mississippi Baptists must act, and act positively if the educational program is to be maintained. This report of the special committee is a start in the right direction.

Love rules his kingdom without a sword.—George Herbert.

Monday Holiday

Bill Dead For Current Session

WASHINGTON (BP) — Chairman Emanuel Celler (D., N. Y.) of the House Judiciary Committee says that a bill providing for uniform Monday observance of five national holidays is dead for this session of Congress.

Celler's remark came after the committee voted changes in the bill, yet took no final action to report the bill to the House Floor.

The committee voted to keep the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving Day where they are now, and also tentatively decided that Veteran's Day should remain on November 11.

This action left only Labor Day which already falls on Monday, Memorial Day and Washington's Birthday as potential candidates for changes that would create annual three-day weekends.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

November 13 — Charles Everett, Lamar — Pearl River spt. of missions; Guy Graham, Itawamba County spt. of missions.
November 14 — Lula Collier, Baptist Book Store; Johnell Colley, Baptist Book Store.
November 15 — Mrs. Tennie Glee Jones, staff, Children's Village; Mrs. Donna Wheeler, staff, William Carey College.
November 16 — Mrs. J. M. Wells, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Evelyn Ayers, psychiatric nursing instructor, Gilfoy School of Nursing.
November 17 — Zadeen Walton, Baptist Building; Bobbie Reed, Baptist Building.
November 18 — Albert Brady, staff, Clarke College; Charles Lott, Baptist student director, Mississippi Delta Junior College.
November 19 — Charles Scott, faculty, Mississippi College; W. O. Sadler, faculty, Mississippi College.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS

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11:30 Special Music Jim Raymick
11:35 Worship Hour
Scripture and Prayer Carless Evans
Convention Sermon N. F. Davis
Alternate Carless Evans
Closing Prayer Frank Barrett

12:05 Adjourn
Tuesday Afternoon
1:50 Organ Prelude Hazel Chisholm
2:00 Song and Praise Tommy Howard
2:05 Special Music Candlelighters
Temple Baptist Church

2:10 Scripture Hattiesburg
Prayer Ferrell Cork
2:15 Baptist Foundation R. C. Albritton
2:25 Long-Range Study Harry L. Spencer
3:10 Election of Officers Donald Roark

Miscellaneous Business
3:30 Mississippi Baptist Hospital Paul J. Pryor
3:40 Baptist Memorial Hospital Frank S. Groner
3:50 Special Music Clarke College
4:00 Message C. E. Autrey
Closing Prayer J. B. Young

4:30 Adjourn
Tuesday Evening
7:00 Organ Prelude Hazel Chisholm
7:10 Song and Praise Dennis Kissinger
Special Music Singing Churchmen
7:15 Scripture P. K. Horton
Prayer Roy Kuykendall

7:20 Woman's Missionary Union Edwina Robinson
7:35 State Mission Emphasis Chester L. Quarles
8:35 Special Music Mississippi College
8:40 Message H. Franklin Paschall
Closing Prayer Charles Agnew

9:15 Adjourn
Wednesday Morning
8:50 Organ Prelude Hazel Chisholm
9:00 Song and Praise H. G. Earwood, Jr.
9:05 Special Music Crusader's Band

9:10 Scripture William Carey College
Prayer Joe Ratcliff
9:15 Reading of Minutes Ralph Hester, Sr.
9:20 Miscellaneous Business and Report of Committees: Paul Adams

1. Resolutions
2. Nominations
3. Time, Place and Preacher
4. Constitution and By-Laws Committee

9:40 Christian Action Commission J. Clark Hensley
9:45 Convention Board Report D. C. Applegate
Adoption of Budget

10:35 Board of Ministerial Education W. W. Stevens
10:50 Baptist Record Joe T. Odle
11:05 Baptist Education Study Task Owen Cooper
11:20 Special Music William Carey College
11:25 Message David Q. Byrd
Closing Prayer Lacey Hodges

12:00 Adjourn
12:30 Seminary Luncheon

New Orleans

Southeastern

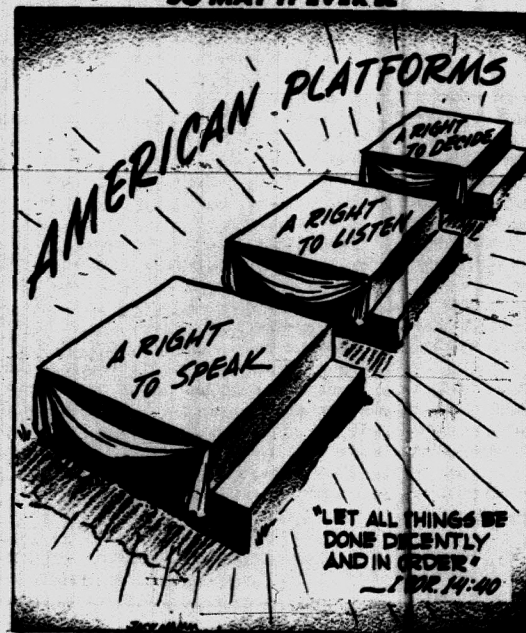
Southern

Southwestern

Midwestern

Golden Gate

SO MAY IT EVER BE



Wednesday Afternoon

2:00 Organ Prelude Hazel Chisholm
2:10 Song and Praise Graham Smith
2:15 Special Music Carl Bridgman & Bill Benson
2:20 Scripture George Douglas
Prayer Harry Martin

2:25 Education Commission John E. Barnes
2:40 Retirement Plans W. R. Roberts
2:55 Mississippi Baptist Seminary W. P. Davis
3:05 Gilfoy School of Nursing Paul J. Pryor

3:15 Miscellaneous Business
3:30 Hymn Graham Smith
3:35 Mississippi College R. A. McLemore
3:45 William Carey College J. Ralph Noonkester

3:55 Blue Mountain College E. Harold Fisher
4:05 Clarke Memorial College W. Lowry Compere
4:15 Recognition of Seminary Representatives
4:30 Special Music Blue Mountain College
4:35 Message Lottie Wright
Closing Prayer H. L. Hutcherson

5:00 Adjourn
Wednesday Evening
6:58 Organ Prelude Hazel Chisholm
7:05 Song and Praise Milton Burd
Special Music Broadmoor Baptist Church

7:10 Scripture Robert Sheffield
Prayer James Graves
7:15 Cooperative Missions Roy Rogers
7:30 Missionary Panel Hal L. France

W. L. Cooper, South America
James Foster, Philippines
E. L. Howell

8:10 Brotherhood Gilfoy School of Nursing

8:20 Special Music

8:25 Missionary Message Leroy Smith
Closing Prayer Talmadge Rayborn
9:00 Adjourn

Thursday Morning

9:15 Organ Prelude Hazel Chisholm
9:30 Song and Praise Kenneth Forbus
9:35 Special Music Treble Teens, Children's Village
9:40 Scripture R. Thomas Hudson
Prayer Al Benton

9:50 Reading of Minutes Paul Adams
9:55 Stewardship John D. Alexander
10:10 Evangelism L. Gordon Sansing
10:25 Baptist Student Union Ralph B. Winders

Training Union Kermit S. King
Church Music Dan C. Hall
Sunday School Bryant M. Cummings
Sunday School Board Report Wayne Todd

11:15 Special Music First Baptist Church
11:20 Message Kenneth Chafin
Closing Prayer Ross Burkett

12:00 Adjourn
Thursday Afternoon

2:00 Organ Prelude Hazel Chisholm
2:15 Song and Praise Tom Moak
2:20 Special Music Gerald Claxton
2:25 Scripture Robert Shirley
Prayer Howard Woods

2:30 Associational Missions Fred Tarpley
2:45 Historical Commission Reed Dicken, Jr.
3:00 Special Music Junior Choir, Alta Woods Baptist Church

3:05 Message W. A. Criswell
Prayer H. B. Perritt
3:35 Adjourn

YOUTH SESSION

Thursday Evening—Mississippi Coliseum

Instrumental Prelude

7:00 "Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God" Young Combined Choirs

Prayer Chester L. Quarles

Executive Secretary

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Handbell Choir First Baptist Church Calhoun City

Congregational Singing

"Set My Soul Afire" Bartlett

Combined Choirs

7:25 Announcements and Recognitions

Presentation of Convention President for 1967-68

Presentation of presiding officer

Recognition of special groups

Introduction of speaker

7:35 Youth Night Feature

"I've Never Been Sorry"

Dr. Beverly V. Tinnin, Pastor, First, Meridian

Miss Gladys Bryant, BSU Director, East Central Junior College

Dr. Claude H. Rhea, Jr.

Congregational Singing

"Eternal Life" Dungan-Stiles

Combined Choirs

"Heathendom's Millions" Arranged by Rhea

Claude H. Rhea, Jr.

8:10 Message W. A. Criswell

First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

Opportunity for life commitment

9:00 Benediction Convention President Elect



The House Judiciary Committee is preparing for hearings this fall. "A broad cross section of the American people is gravely disturbed with the practices of the auto-insurance industry," says the committee's chairman, New York Democrat Emanuel Celler. "If there is anything wrong, the cause necessarily will be found in the inadequacy of state regulation."

Celler's questions focus on the cancellations and non-renewals of policies, the industry's rate-setting procedures, a wave of insolvencies that has toppled 73 companies in the last five years, whether there is racial discrimination in writing insurance, and the need for a Federal reinsurance program to protect the victims of such failures.

"This will be a time of testing for all of us that are associated with the auto, its hazards, or with its claims," says Edward B. Rust, president of the industry's leader, State Farm Mutual Insurance Co. "We are a ready target for the politician, the regulator and the critical press." (Newsweek, August 1967)

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Report Of Long Range Committee On Christian Education

The personnel serving on the Long Range Christian Education Study Committee, appointed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention November 15-17, 1965, were: Dr. Donald B. Roark, Director of Cooperative Services, Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Starkville; Dr. D. C. Applegate, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg; Dr. Howard E. Spell, Dean, Mississippi College, Clinton; Mr. J. B. Young, President, Jones County Junior College, Newton; Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Brookhaven; Dr. David R. Grant, Pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson; Mr. Horace Headrick, Headrick Furniture, Laurel; Dr. Bob Simmons, Pastor, Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian; Dr. C. B. Hamlet, III, Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Meridian; Mr. Glenn Perry, Perry Construction Company, Philadelphia.

The committee elected the following officers at its first meeting: Chairman, Dr. Donald B. Roark; Vice Chairman, Dr. D. C. Applegate; Secretary, Dr. Howard E. Spell.

The committee as originally appointed remained intact except for the resignation due to personal health of Dr. D. C. Applegate in March, 1966.

Dr. Doak Campbell, Chairman of the Board of the Associated Consultants in Education, Tallahassee, Florida, served as general consultant to the committee. Dr. Campbell's advice, counsel, guidance, direction, and encouragement were invaluable to the committee.

The committee, with a good working majority present each time, met in Jackson on the following dates: September 22, 1966; November 7, 1966; January 13, 1967; February 17, 1967; March 28, 1967; May 1, 1967; July 6, 1967; August 10, 1967.

The committee was subdivided into task forces with each member serving on at least two different task forces. The task forces met frequently during the interims between committee meetings. It was understood that prior to each committee meeting, the task forces would have their portion of the study report prepared in multiple copies for distribution, review, evaluation, and clearance by the committee for inclusion in the composite report.

Dr. Donald B. Roark, Chairman of the Committee, prepared the composite report from task forces reports which had been approved in principle and submitted it to each member of the committee prior to the August 10, 1967 meeting. At the August 10, 1967 meeting, the Long Range Christian Education Study Committee approved the report as presented in this manuscript.

This report was presented by the Long Range Christian Education Study Committee to the Education Commission, the college Presidents and representatives of the college's administrative staffs and Boards of Trustees, Executive Secretary of Mississippi Baptist Convention, President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, President of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, Editor of the Baptist Record and Business Manager of Mississippi Baptist Convention in a joint meeting on August 31, 1967.

I. INTRODUCTION

The Baptists of Mississippi, like those of every other state, are devoted to the basic objective of fulfilling the redemptive purpose of Jesus Christ, our Lord, for all mankind, as set forth in the great commission. To this end, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Christian Education Program is designed to develop the denomination's future leadership and to provide strong Christian lay leadership in business, the professions, and in all areas of daily life.

Colleges were established in the American colonies to train community leaders and especially ministers. Nearly 300 years later, the independent institutions are still educating leaders, but the concept of leadership has changed and expanded. Now the colleges are preparing their students for all professions.

Th private colleges have a long and distinguished tradition of educating for leadership. Their emphasis on the importance of the individual, their flexibility in developing curricula, their emphasis on religious freedom, their responsiveness to the needs of private sectors of our society—these and other attributes contribute to their uniqueness.

This Report on Christian Education is presented to the Mississippi Baptist Convention at a very critical time in denominational, national, and world history. Change and uncertainty abound. The decisions and actions of men linger briefly on the stage of the present and become history with such speed that near chaos at times threatens because our former beliefs in economics, government, international relations, and human relations are not adequate for the fast pace.

Many of the resulting problems naturally focus on education. One of the very real resulting issues is not whether our schools are good but whether they are good enough to meet tomorrow's problems. These will be infinitely more complex than those of the past or of the present. We who are the proponents of Christian Education realize that the sense of direction and values provided by Christian interpretation will be more and more essential. They will, in fact, be indispensable.

If our colleges are to be girded adequately for this overwhelming future, the focus of education must shift from teaching to learning, and from emphasis on memory to emphasis on creativity formulating attitudes and values. This shift will be revolutionary, but lesser measures will be inadequate. In it all, a Christian emphasis is vital.

So, in times like these when even a machine can be taught to think, certainly a college education is essential and a Christian education is preferable. Many of those destined to lead our denomination, our state, and our nation, will get their essential education in Mississippi Baptist Colleges.

The Baptist colleges of Mississippi have a vital role as centers for developing the most precious resources of all—the capability of the individual—and a Christian education program which will perpetuate the denomination and ensure its fullest growth by providing means for developing new leadership to fulfill the basic objective of bringing men into the right relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

The history of the Christian education movement among Mississippi Baptists is a record of frustration characterized by myopia.

As early as 1817, 19 years before the Mississippi Baptist Convention was organized, the Mississippi Baptist Association adopted a plan for "raising a fund, for the special purpose of promoting the proper education of pious young men called to the great and important work of the gospel ministry." Baptists never seem to act hastily. In 1836, the Mississippi Baptist Education Society was organized for the purpose of establishing an institution for Christian education. The Society was granted a charter in 1836 by the state legislature to operate Judson Institute. From the very beginning, the Institute encountered difficulty—it was first located at Society Ridge, near Pochahontas, then it was moved to Palestine Church near Raymond.

The first annual meeting of the Baptist denomination in the state of Mississippi in 1837 noted "an increasing desire on the part of the Baptist denomination in this state to promote education," and commented with obvious pleasure "they seem to be waking up in good earnest to the subject." In continuing the report on education, the committee reported the establishment of a manual training school that was "ready for the reception of students," and further commented, "This speaks a language in favor of education not to be misunderstood."

From the beginning, then, the Baptists of the state have had an uncommon interest in education. During the first years of the reorganized Baptist State Convention the story is one of struggles, frustrations, failures, and mediocrity. The acquisition of Mis-

issippi College in 1850 started the Baptists of Mississippi on a program of Christian education that is known and respected.

During its over 130 years, the Mississippi Baptist Convention has not founded a single surviving institution of higher learning. It has acquired three senior colleges and one junior college by adoption. The operation of these institutions has not been without problems, most of which have revolved around financial support.

As evidence of its continuing concern for Christian education and of its awareness of the crisis facing Mississippi Baptist colleges, the Mississippi Baptist Convention, in its 130th session, November 15-17, 1965, authorized the appointment of a committee "to make a comprehensive study of Christian education in Mississippi concurrent with and in cooperation with the study being made by the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission."

In presenting this report on long range planning for Christian higher education, the committee takes account of certain fundamental concepts. Understandings were formulated for the guidance of the committee in the discharge of its responsibilities. The first step was toward a consensus that could be used to decide matters on which effort should be directed. It is the belief of the committee that these concepts and understandings are generally recognized, though not supported wholeheartedly, by Mississippi Baptists. The following statements, therefore, have served as guides in making the studies that underlie the report.

1. Higher education is a basic ingredient of the process by which Baptists proclaim the Christian message. Along with missions and benevolences, education is an integral part of the Christian witness.
2. Baptists are obligated to support financially, morally, and spiritually the institutions they own and sponsor. From the beginning, Mississippi Baptists have expected their colleges to provide a continuing supply of effective Christian leadership.
3. Christian higher education is vital to the churches and to the organizations of churches through which the Christian witness is proclaimed. It provides a basic education for those who are to prepare for the Christian ministry and other specialized Christian vocations. It also contributes to the strength of the churches by training dedicated Christian laymen.
4. Competing in the broad field of higher education, Baptists have the obligation to provide programs of the highest academic quality. "Tolerably good is not enough." Unless Baptists are willing to provide financial support that makes it possible for their institutions to render distinctive service, they have no business in the field of higher education. A weak and struggling Baptist college in this era of mass support for public higher education cannot be justified.

No institution of higher learning regardless of its size or location can escape the impact of the Federal government's involvement in higher education. Of the 2,200 institutions of higher learning in the United States, about 1,800 participate in one or more federally supported or sponsored programs. Even an institution which receives no federal dollars is affected for it must compete for faculty, students, and private dollars with the institutions that do receive federal funds.

The Federal government is now the "big spender" in the academic world. Last year the Federal government spent more money on the nation's campuses than did the 50 state governments combined. The five billion dollars or so that the Federal government will spend on campuses this year constitutes more than 25 per cent of higher education's total budget.

Financial support is quite generally considered a major aspect of the present crisis because it is easily identifiable. Mississippi Baptist colleges find themselves in some measure of financial distress. Present sources of current income do not yield sufficient funds even to provide for a reasonably limited program of instruction. Adequate funds to meet the capital needs for expansion in facilities are not in sight. Most of our institutions thus find themselves uncomfortably near the margin of creditable quality.

But there is an essential place for the college of higher academic quality that is distinctively Christian. Necessary elements that distinguish an effective Baptist college are as follows:

1. The educational program takes full account of the individual student as a person. Its program is directed to the process of assisting the individual in his search for truth, even the truth of God in Christ Jesus.
2. It recognizes the integrity of the curriculum which includes the several academic disciplines of which the history and literature of the Judeo-Christian message is a part. It does not consider courses in Bible and religion as elements apart from the academic curriculum.
3. It is distinctive in its excellence, thus, it must not accept more students than it can serve well.

The Christian college has a unique function which cannot be performed by secular educational institutions or even by other distinctively Christian institutions, including the churches.

The distinctive mark of the Christian college is that it finds its integrating principle and philosophy in the Christian faith. It is a school for higher education facing the responsibility for achieving academic excellence like any other college, but bearing the added responsibility of maintaining Christian commitment in policy and action. The Christian college must combine a respect for reason and science with a reverence for total Biblical revelation.

In the light of these concepts, the Long Range Christian Education Committee has made numerous studies in order to provide a factual basis for its report. Although complete analytical study of all details that are involved in the operation of our Baptist colleges has not been made, the committee has gathered a wealth of information covering many essential elements included in our study. The presidents, deans, and other staff members of the several institutions, were most helpful and cooperative in providing information which was requested.

A great deal of information regarding higher education, generally, both in Mississippi and elsewhere, has been analyzed. From such information the committee has been able to develop a reasonable good concept of present conditions and of the problems that are faced by Mississippi Baptists.

For convenience, the report is presented in relation to certain major aspects of our Christian education enterprise. Each of the major aspect of the study is presented as a section of the report.

II. PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

Through the years it has been generally assumed that the Christian college has provided an essential

means for the extension of the Christian message. Mississippi Baptists have long accepted this concept and as a means of achieving their objectives have developed and sustained four institutions of higher learning. The Mississippi Baptist Convention has accepted the responsibility of providing facilities and personnel that will enable its colleges to turn out leaders who will, in the words of the Apostle Paul, "be complete, thoroughly furnished unto every good work."

The term, higher education, implies an institution where the spirit of inquiry and investigation is free to search for truth, and confront world issues and world ideologies, where the student can communicate intelligently and make decisions wisely.

Thus, Baptist colleges are not conceived as institutions to provide sanctuaries from perplexing questions or where traditions of the supporting agency are merely memorized and nominally accepted. Rather, they should provide an atmosphere in which students and faculty alike can become involved in the exciting process of examination, evaluation, and application of Christian principles as they impinge upon constantly changing conditions and issues.

Effective higher education for the time in which we live requires physical facilities that are functional, reasonably comfortable, completely safe, and attractive. It requires a competent faculty of dedicated Christian scholars. It must have adequate financial, moral, and spiritual support from the Baptist constituency.

With the freedom to explore and evaluate, and with adequate facilities and support, Mississippi Baptist institutions of higher learning have the opportunity and responsibility for providing an education which will help all their students to develop their potential for becoming useful citizens. Although this in itself is a worthy goal, there is the greater responsibility for training future leaders of the denomination. This function has two aspects: (1) to turn out thoroughly grounded and strongly motivated lay leaders; and (2) to educate those who will spend their lives in some phase of specialized Christian service.

It is in this latter area that the colleges' loyalty to the message of their supporting agency is most clearly recognized.

The basic attitude, climate, and environment in which education is carried on constitute the very heart of Christian higher education. This, rather than the mere introduction to or mastery of certain bodies of subject matter will determine the product. Since the key to the nature and quality of the product is the faculty, the denomination has the right to insist that administrators and teachers be Christians in the finest sense of the term. Wherever possible, they should be active members of Baptist churches, but in no case should administrators or faculty members be employed whose attitudes or activities bring discredit upon the message which the denomination has the responsibility and opportunity for proclaiming.

The denomination has the privilege of providing adequate facilities and the proper atmosphere in which the student can grow intellectually and increase in his understanding of the meaning of a vital faith in God. Baptist institutions of higher learning which are not distinctive in this sphere have little basis for their existence.

III. CURRICULUM

A. Scope of Curriculum—Majors and Minors
It is generally assumed that a minimum educational program for a Christian college of liberal arts should include:

1. General education covering the major field of knowledge.
2. Major and minor emphasis in a number of fields with the beginnings of specialization, including pre-professional curricula for professional schools such as law, medicine, theology, etc., and.
3. Certain applied undergraduate curricula in the fields of demonstrated needs. Junior colleges, of course, limit their curricula to General Education plus certain two year terminal curricula in applied fields such as nursing, secretarial science, etc.

In order for a college to provide these essentials, it must provide an adequate number of course offerings in the various fields of knowledge. With the constant addition of new elements to the store of human knowledge, the curriculum must be adaptable and must be under constant study.

One indication of the adequacy of the scope of curriculum is reflected in the nature and extent of provision for major and minor emphasis in the various areas of knowledge.

An examination of the catalogs of the four institutions of higher learning operated by the Mississippi Baptist Convention reveals that they are operating

within the framework of their stated purposes. The field of General Education or the basis for Liberal Education is well covered.

Since different schools vary a great deal in the terminology they use in describing work offered in the college, it is difficult to find an accurate basis for comparisons (where such are desired) and for evaluating various programs. For example, one school may simply list the major of a graduating student under the general heading of "Music," while another may break the majors down into Church Music, Music Education, Music Theory, or Applied Music.

On the spot comparisons and discussions would be necessary for the truest possible picture to be secured in regard to the majors that are offered by Mississippi Baptist colleges. On the whole, the evidence seems to be clear that the breadth of course offerings in the realm of "majors" is sufficient, and if there is any question, it would be as to whether or not certain majors ought to be offered. At the same time, it should be remembered that when one considers the number of graduates in major subjects in one single year and tries to form an opinion on this, he is treading on untenable ground. This is true because, in small colleges, it is possible for the majors in a given department to vary considerably from one year to the next.

The use of the term major and minor does not cover adequately the work that is being done in a college. A major or a minor may not be offered in a certain department and yet the department may offer a considerable number of courses which may be taken by students because of their value in the field of general education or as partial requirements in their major or minor.

Each four-year liberal arts college usually endeavors to provide major and minor sequences in the several different fields of knowledge. This is desirable in order that students may pursue studies in some depth in the field of their special interest.

As a rule, faculty members in each of the several departments of a college feel that they must offer both major and minor work in order to contribute to the purposes of a liberal education. As a matter of fact, the three four-year colleges operated by Mississippi Baptists reflect this point of view.

One index of the effectiveness of a college is the extent to which courses that are offered are taken by students. A large number of classes with small enrollments should call for critical study and analysis.

The number of under-sized classes in Mississippi Baptist colleges is sufficiently large to warrant serious study. A summary of reports on small classes is shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1
SMALL CLASSES IN MISSISSIPPI
BAPTIST COLLEGES (1965-66)

INSTITUTION	Total Classes	Classes 10 or Less	Percent of total Classes	Percent of total Classes
Blue Mountain	156	29	17.9	18.1
Clarke	134	18	13.4	0
Mississippi College	507	84	16.5	30
William Carey	364	106	29.6	51

From this information it is evident that full coverage of all subject fields with major offerings presents a difficult problem. In the case of Mississippi College and William Carey College, both of which are located in fairly populous areas, some cooperative arrangement may be possible whereby students desiring majors in departments rarely used may be accommodated. For example, part-time instructors from nearby institutions of higher learning might prove to be effective and economical. It is also conceivable that there could be developed some agreeable division among the Baptist institutions whereby rarely called for majors could be so divided that such a major would appear in only one institution. In such cases, students requiring such major studies would be referred to the appropriate institution. This possibility should be thoroughly explored.

In the case of Blue Mountain College, it is difficult to see how a full liberal arts program can be provided until the student body reaches at least 500 full time students, a number that will justify active majors in at least a dozen fields.

There is room for serious question as to whether all three of our senior colleges should offer majors in Home Economics when the tendency among Baptist colleges in other states is to abandon the offering of a major in Home Economics.

The committee is not encouraged by any immediate and bright prospect of change with respect to under-sized classes, course proliferation, and unwise and wasteful duplication. However, these matters need to be considered in light of possible increased inter-institutional cooperation.

TABLE 2
TABULATIONS SHOWING DOCTORATES IN FIELDS IN WHICH MAJORS ARE OFFERED BY THE SENIOR BAPTIST COLLEGES OF MISSISSIPPI FOR SESSION 1965-66

FIELDS	MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE					WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE					BLUE MOUNTAIN		
	Ph.D.	Ed.D.	Th.D.	D.R.E.	Other	Ph.D.	Ed.D.	Th.D.	D.R.E.	Other	Ph.D.	Ed.D.	Th.D.
Art													
Bible	1		2										1
Bible/Philosophy			1										
Rel. Education				2					1				
Biblical Studies								2					
Biology	1												
Business							1						
Business (secretarial)													
Chemistry	2					1							
Commerce													
Economics	1												
Education		5				2	1						
Elementary Educ.												1	
English	3					1					1		
Foreign Language	1												
Spanish						1							
French & Spanish													
History	1					1							
Sociology		1	1										
Social Science						1							
Home Economics	1												
Mathematics		1											
Music										1-Mus.D.	1		
Church Music													
Music Education													
Theory						1							
Applied													
Philosophy & Rel.													
Physical Education													
Physics													
Political Science													
Psychology													
Science													
Speech & Drama	2												
TOTAL DOCTORATES:	Mississippi College: 26					William Carey College: 17					Blue Mountain: 8		

One easily recognizes the dilemma in which a college is placed in the matter of course offerings. This simply means that a college president and the board of trustees of an institution can easily assume the attitude that if they continue to restrict the number of areas in which majors are offered, they will drastically decrease the number of prospective students which they hope to enroll in their institution.

On the other hand, the addition of courses in the hope that they will serve to attract additional students has resulted in many institutions in the undue proliferation of courses for which there can be little justification. Such proliferation lies at the root of much of the financial distress of colleges and universities because of an unduly large number of under-sized classes.

Each of the institutions appears to have controlled the number of courses offered reasonably well. Consistent work by faculty and administration can keep the number within such bounds as can be justified. By maintaining a faculty-student ratio of 1:20, undue proliferation of courses can be fairly well controlled. The committee does observe, however, that the Mississippi Baptist educational tree needs curriculum pruning and continued care.

B. The Faculty and the Curriculum

It is the opinion of the committee that the curricula at our Baptist schools are influenced, if not actually determined, by faculty training as well as by other factors, such as enrollment and the extent to which majors and minors are offered in the several disciplines.

The quality of the teaching staff of a college is determined in large measure by the amount and quality of graduate study in which they have engaged. It is therefore essential that each institution secure the services of a considerable number of faculty members who have earned doctor's degrees from well-known graduate schools. However, excessive academic inbreeding should be avoided.

The academic and professional training of the faculty is an important factor in meeting the standards of the accrediting agencies. Excessive academic inbreeding or the recruitment of substantial numbers of faculty members from any graduate institution is looked upon with concern by such agencies.

Standard No. 5 of the Standards for Colleges adopted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools deals with the Faculty. In the section on academic preparation of the above-mentioned standard the Southern Association has the following statement:

"In all colleges at least forty per cent of the teaching faculty should possess professional preparation equivalent to two years of advanced study beyond the bachelor's degree. In senior colleges, at least sixty per cent of the teaching faculty should possess professional preparation equivalent to three years of advanced study beyond the bachelor's degree and at least thirty per cent should hold the earned doctor's degree.

In junior colleges in any department composed of as many as four faculty members, at least one should possess professional preparation equivalent to three years of advanced study beyond the bachelor's degree. In senior colleges, in any department or division composed of four or more faculty members, at least twenty-five per cent should have an earned doctorate. In any department or division offering a major or field of concentration, at least one member or twenty-five per cent, whichever is greater, should hold the earned doctorate in the area of concentration.

In the creative of applied arts or in any higher specialized professional or technical field, evidence of professional competency in the area of specialization is recognized and may be acceptable in lieu of advanced degrees."

Table 2 (for the three senior colleges) indicates the number of people holding the doctorate in each field in which the institutions have indicated they offer a major. Tabulations listed are for only one year, the session of 1965-66. However, from this tabulation it would seem that our colleges must either secure persons with a doctorate in certain areas or discontinue the practice of allowing students to major in that area.

It should be kept in mind that tabulations which have been listed are for the session 1965-66 and that all of our schools have added more faculty members with the doctorate or have members of their own staff. Completing the doctorate by the end of the summer of 1967.

It is interesting and helpful to note that in almost every case faculty members holding the Th.D. degree are those who are teaching in the fields of Religion and Philosophy and not in fields outside their area of competence.

C. Enrollment

The size and composition of the student body influences the nature of the curriculum in a liberal arts college. It is generally assumed that a certain minimum enrollment must be maintained if an institution is to support a minimum effective college of liberal arts. It is further assumed that an institution should limit its enrollment to a number whom the institution can serve with distinctiveness and can finance adequately. Five hundred full time students is generally accepted by authorities in higher education as the minimum. A college with a small enrollment finds it extremely difficult to sustain classes in the various courses that are usually accepted as necessary for a liberal arts program.

Most institutions are averse to limiting the number of students whom they will admit. However, such limitation is rigidly maintained in the majority of liberal arts colleges that have achieved and maintained distinction. Table 3 shows the enrollments, faculties, and endowments in selected liberal arts colleges that limit their enrollments even though their endowments would support much larger numbers. Assuming a faculty-student ratio of 1:20, an institution should accept only the number of students that can be supported adequately with the financial resources available. With such limitations the curriculum can be de-

termined with adequate coverage and at the same time be administered so as to require a minimum number of small classes. This would tend to make the cost per student justifiable even when faculties were paid salaries at competitive rates.

TABLE 3

ENROLLMENTS, FACULTY AND ENDOWMENTS IN SELECTED LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES (1964-65)

NAME	ENROLLMENT (Number)	FACULTY (Number)	ENDOWMENT (Dollars)
Amherst	1,075	128	40,232,107
Berea	1,277	110	30,504,056
Bowdoin	796	100	22,450,000
Bryn Mawr	991	169	20,285,731
Carleton	1,320	110	16,700,000
Colgate	1,436	146	12,337,109
Davidson	982	83	11,500,000
Hamilton	780	86	12,200,000
Macalester	1,340	114	13,222,202
Middleburg	1,308	96	12,365,500
Pomona	1,080	105	28,279,000
Swarthmore	973	122	18,472,063
Trinity (Conn.)	1,399	151	13,000,000
Williams	1,134	140	31,000,000

Enrollment in Baptist colleges in Mississippi presents a number of problems that must be taken into account in the development of any long range plan. A number of factors operate to make it increasingly difficult for the church related college to secure desired numbers of qualified students. Of special concern is the element of competition with tax-supported colleges and universities. The tuition and fees in the public colleges and universities are substantially lower than in the private colleges. Many of the public institutions make available large numbers of scholarships and other types of financial aid to students.

As a basis for future planning, each of the Baptist colleges was requested to indicate its projected enrollments to the year 1975-76. In order to provide some basis for comparison, actual enrollments for 1962-63 to the present were also included. These projections are summarized in Table 4.

These projected enrollments seem to be desirable when considered in relation to the support of an academic program of proper scope; however, the rate of growth projected, except in the case of Mississippi College, is over optimistic and larger than can reasonably be expected if the increase in financial support is to be directed mainly to the improvement of educational quality rather than to the factor of growth. In other words, it will be necessary for the financial support of the colleges to increase at a greater rate than the increase in enrollment.

Soaring college enrollments have so monopolized attention in recent years that a major related development has been frequently overlooked—patterns of college attendance are changing. In the South, and nationwide, an increasing share of the student population is found at public rather than private institutions, and despite great numerical increases in enrollment at all types of public institutions, the junior and senior colleges are growing more dramatically than are the universities. These trends form valuable guide posts for educational planning.

In the last decade (1955-65), the number of students enrolled in Southern institutions has more than doubled, climbing from 670,000 to 1,385,000. Despite absolute gains in attendance at private institutions, there have been major shifts to the public sector. The percentage of total enrollment attending public institutions has risen from 62.7 to 72.8 in ten years. According to a report of the Southern Regional Educational Board issued in early 1967, the per cent of college enrollment, by level and control, in Mississippi in 1965 and 1965 was as follows in Table 5.

TABLE 5

PER CENT OF COLLEGE ENROLLMENT, BY LEVEL AND CONTROL IN MISSISSIPPI FROM 1955 TO 1965

	Public 1955	Private 1955	Public 1965	Private 1965
Universities	10.9	—	27.1	—
Senior Colleges	28.8	18.3	33.3	11.3
Junior Colleges	38.1	3.9	25.0	3.3
TOTAL	77.8	22.2	85.4	14.6

In other words, the percentage of enrollment attending all private colleges in Mississippi decreased 7.6 per cent from 1955 to 1965.

An important factor contributing to the changing attendance pattern is the tightening of admission requirements at senior colleges and particularly at universities. The more advanced the curriculum and the higher the degree which is offered, the more selective an institution tends to be. Pressures to gain admission have mounted with the increasing demand for the opportunity to attend college. This competition for limited spaces has enabled institutions to exercise greater freedom of selection of students. Today, for example, not a single Southern member of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges is legally required to admit all resident high school graduates.

Some of the nation's most selective institutions are in the South. One of the most used guides to American colleges classifies institutions by degree of selectivity, and Southern institutions are represented in each category as follows: 10 per cent of the total—most selective, 11 per cent of the total—highly selective, 17 per cent of the total—very selective, and 22 per cent of the total—selective.

Certain limitations must be faced in the future enrollments of Mississippi Baptist colleges. Nearly all of the projections of enrollments for private colleges and universities indicate that they have reached a plateau. Recent projections for public and private institutions in Mississippi made by the Board of Trustees, Institutions of Higher Learning, State of Mississippi, substantiate this point.

Contrary to popular belief of a few years ago when private institutions assumed that substantial growth was certain, there is every indication that the total enrollments in private institutions will remain

TABLE 4

ENROLLMENTS IN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES 1962-63 TO 1966-67 AND PROJECTIONS TO 1975-76 BY THE INSTITUTIONS

Year	Mississippi College	Blue Mountain	Clarke	William Carey
	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
1962-63	1940	280	284	610
1963-64	1965	285	287	663
1964-65	1987	290	290	729
1965-66	1993	341	300	779
1966-67	1998	380	304	812
1967-68	1998	420	375	925
1968-69	1998	470	425	1050
1969-70	1913	530	450	1200
1970-71	2218	730	600	1500

TABLE 6

THE EXTENT OF FINANCIAL AID TO STUDENTS IN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES 1965-66

Enrollment	No. of Students Receiving Help	% of Students Receiving Help	Total Cost Per Student	Average Amount Aid Per Student	% of Total Cost Each Receives
Mississippi College	1,963	56%	\$1300.00	\$277.44	21%
William Carey	779	61%	\$1176.00	\$455.00	39%
Blue Mountain	341	50%	\$1000.00	\$131.43	13%
Clarke	380	127	\$ 820.00	\$157.00	19%

NOTE — The total cost per student is inevitably an average. The percentage of financial aid does not include special students or special assistance such as music scholarships, etc., that cost more.

TABLE 7

SOURCES OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID IN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES 1965-66

Financial Aid	Mississippi College	William Carey	Blue Mountain	Clarke
	No. Students	No. Students	No. Students	No. Students
Scholarships	263	85	41	57
Student Loans	290	238	2	30
Student Enrollment	372	124	128	40
Direct Grants	29	29	—	—
TOTAL	954	476	171	127

fairly constant or perhaps even decrease in the foreseeable future. This would indicate that institutions which maintain their present levels of enrollment must provide educational service that is of distinctively high quality. Each institution should consider limiting its enrollment to a number that can be financed successfully. So far as the curriculum is concerned, constant attention must be given to the provision of courses of instruction that can be fully justified.

The problem of low enrollment applies mainly to Blue Mountain College which has a long history of small enrollments. Its location away from populous areas indicates that it will be extremely difficult to recruit enough students or secure sufficient finances to operate a minimum program of high quality.

Each institution should set a maximum limit to its enrollment so that a feasible program of education and the financial resources necessary to finance it can receive the major attention that it requires.

IV. RECRUITMENT AND ADMISSIONS

A. Recruitment

The Mississippi Baptist Colleges are very similar so far as procedures in recruitment are concerned. Only Mississippi College and William Carey have persons employed fulltime in this capacity. Blue Mountain employs a young woman who visits the various high school on high school career days. Clarke does not have a recruitment person employed as such.

The main sources of contact with prospective students are: churches and pastors; ACT listings, the high schools, especially those that have high school counselors; other students enrolled in the respective schools; alumni, admission centers and the provision of some on-campus programs whereby prospective students are brought to the campus.

Brochures are used by each college to inform prospective students concerning campus life, purpose, etc. Follow through is done by mail or by personal contact. Generally a letter is sent to a student where there is a lead asking for an appointment. By this means the personal contact is made. When various high schools write for appointments, the college follows through on the request. They also invite students to the campus who have indicated an interest in the school.

The senior colleges do not confine their recruiting efforts to high schools but use the junior colleges as a fertile field for prospective students.

Closely related to recruiting is the problem of financial assistance for students. This presents a major problem to our colleges and one that needs immediate attention along with substantial financial help. Being a private college, the cost is some higher than in a tax supported institution. Also, many students are from families whose income necessitates some type of financial assistance.

The extent to which students receive financial assistance in our Mississippi Baptist colleges is shown in Table 6. It is significant that from 35 per cent of the students at Clarke to 61 per cent at William Carey receive some financial assistance through the institution. The average amounts received per student range from \$131.43 to \$455.00 per year. Or, stated in other terms, students attending Mississippi Baptist colleges average receiving from 13 per cent (Blue Mountain) to 39 per cent (William Carey) of the total cost of attending college.

The various sources of financial aid to students are shown in Table 7. At Mississippi College and William Carey the largest single source is through student loans. As the necessary costs of attending college tend to rise, the demands for financial aid to students will also increase. Thus, a concerted effort should be made to secure additional loan funds.

Many difficulties attend the processes of securing and administering aid to students. Competition among institutions for increased enrollments often gives rise to laxity in the administration of scholarships and other means of student aid. A sound policy governing all aspects of student aid should be developed and stated by each institution. It is strongly suggested that such policy be uniform among the Mississippi Baptist colleges. Every effort should be made to provide funded scholarships in order to guard against the practice of deriving scholarships funds from income for educational and general expenses.

B. Admissions

Each of the Mississippi Baptist colleges has similar admissions policies as stated in their respective catalogs. Each institution has an admissions committee which screens prospective students. The institutions require that students present evidence of good character, purpose, etc. All determine the qualification of the student to a certain extent on the quality of his high school records and his scores on the American College Test or other similar tests. In each institution, exceptions are made whereby a person who does not meet the stated requirements may be admitted.

Although all the institutions require that entering freshmen have completed their high school education or its prescribed equivalent, exceptions may be made for the admission as special students of applicants who do not meet these requirements.

Mississippi College and William Carey College require the ACT test as an entrance examination. Mis-

issippi College will accept the CEEB Examination.

At Mississippi College, a composite score of 15 is considered satisfactory on the ACT examination but students with lower scores may be considered for admission if they present other evidences of the ability to perform satisfactorily at the college level.

The absence of a catalog statement as to a minimum test score, however, should not be taken to imply that test scores are not used as a factor in determining admissions; and comparably, for those colleges listing minimum scores, the absence of a specific policy statement does not necessarily mean that the institution has no provision for making exceptions to this requirement under special circumstances.

The policies of Mississippi Baptist colleges are virtually the same with respect to accepting transfer students from other higher educational institutions. Generally, Mississippi Baptist colleges will accept transfers from other accredited colleges provided: (1) the student concerned has a record as good as that required of a student at his level at the college he seeks to enter, and (2) he is eligible for readmission to the college previously attended. Mississippi College will accept 65 hours of transfer credit from a junior college. William Carey and Blue Mountain will accept 64 hours as transfer credits from junior colleges.

For the admission of freshmen, the committee recommends:

1. Completion of education in an accredited high school or a prescribed equivalent.
2. The requirement of a standardized entrance examination.
3. The setting of admission standards based on a minimum, both on scores on required tests and on the quality of work done in high school.
4. The setting of these standards at such a level as to exclude only those students whose records clearly indicate inability to pass college work at the freshman level.

For the admission of transfer students, the committee recommends a continuation of the present system, by which a transfer student is accepted if he is eligible for readmission to the school from which he is transferring and if his record is as good as that required of a comparable student in the institution to which he seeks admission.

The committee is opposed to the philosophy that higher education should be provided only for an intellectual elite. The committee recommends the use of admissions standards and of requirements for continuance in college so as to permit only those students to enter and remain in our Baptist colleges who indicate both a capacity and a motivation to do satisfactory work.

V. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A. Increased Cost of Higher Education

The increasing cost of higher education in the United States constitutes a reality which faces almost every family in our nation. Although the costs are slightly lower in the southeastern section of the nation than they are elsewhere, they are still formidable. Practically all of our Baptist institutions face some degree of financial distress. This is due in large measure to the greatly increased cost of providing college education of creditable quality. Although costs vary considerably among institutions, most recent available data indicate an actual cost of instruction of \$1,000 to \$1,500 per full-time student for the regular academic year.

The Mississippi Foundation of Independent Colleges in their Fall 1966 brochure reports that the overall costs to the student in Mississippi Baptist senior colleges including tuition, fees, room and board, were \$1,060 at Blue Mountain, \$1,275 at William Carey, and \$1,300 at Mississippi College.

According to information taken from Statistical Summaries 1966-67, Data on Finance published by Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning for Mississippi, in the period from 1962-63 through 1966-67, the expenditures for educational and general purposes in the nine senior state-supported institutions of higher learning in Mississippi increased by more than 65%. Although the increase in our Baptist colleges was not so great, it was still comparable when compared with the greater increase in enrollments in the tax-supported senior colleges.

For the convention year ending October 31, 1963, the amount of Christian Education funds allocated to the four colleges amounted to \$652,289 and for the convention year ending October 31, 1966, the amount was \$765,126. Christian Education funds during the period mentioned increased only slightly more than 16%. In both years, approximately \$200,000 per year was designated for capital needs of the institutions and did not go into the operation budgets.

Increases in the corpus of the endowments of the Baptist colleges in the past five years have been very slight, and thus the increase from endowment during this period has been negligible.

With an increase in expenditures of over 65% in Educational and General Purposes and an increase in Cooperative Program funds, of only 16.1%, it is obvious that our colleges have had to look elsewhere for financial support. One result has been that basic costs to the student at our Baptist colleges has increased 48.9% in the past five years.

B. Faculty Salaries

Since faculty salaries are the largest single item of expenditure for educational and general purposes in our colleges, this item requires careful study.

When the faculty salaries paid by Mississippi Baptist colleges are compared with those paid by the Mississippi public colleges and universities, the findings are not too discouraging. It is a different matter, however, when the comparison is made with salaries in colleges and universities in the nation as a whole. Inasmuch as competition for qualified scholars is not limited to Mississippi, full account must be taken of faculty salaries without regard to geographic limitation.

In 1962-63 the average budgeted salary for a professor in the three senior Baptist colleges was \$6,409; while that of a professor in Mississippi public colleges and universities was \$7,152—a difference of approximately 11%. In 1966-67 the Mississippi Baptist senior college professor, on the average, was paid \$8,628; whereas, the Mississippi public college professor received \$9,469, or 9.7% more. From this we see that the Mississippi Baptist college professor's salary gained a few points on that of the Mississippi public college and university professor's salary over the years 1962-63 to 1966-67.

The average salary of all ranks of teachers in Mississippi Baptist senior colleges compared even more favorably with the average of all ranks of teachers in the Mississippi public senior colleges and universities. In 1962-63 these were \$5,165 and \$5,316 respectively. In 1966-67 they were \$6,732 and \$7,213 respectively.

The one Mississippi Baptist junior college, Clarke Memorial, pays an average annual salary of \$4,947 (1966-67). It is estimated that the salaries in the public junior colleges in Mississippi are approximately 12-15 per cent higher than at Clarke.

With the differences here noted between the salaries paid by public institutions and Baptist institutions in Mississippi it seems clear that the Baptists are in no position to recruit and retain qualified faculty members to say nothing of the lack of ability to secure faculty members of outstanding quality.

When considered in view of faculty salaries generally, the situation of the Mississippi Baptist Colleges is even more serious. According to the most recent nationwide data available, the salaries paid in liberal arts colleges in the nation were as follows in Table 8.

TABLE 8

AVERAGE SALARIES OF PROFESSORS IN LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1962-64

Type of Institution	Average Professor's Salary
Private (Nationwide)	\$11,332
Public (Nationwide)	15,004
Mississippi Baptist	8,628
Mississippi Public	9,467

It seems clear that unless extraordinary measures are taken to improve faculty salaries substantially, the Mississippi higher institutions will be unable to maintain a creditable place in the academic world. This condition should be faced frankly by the colleges and by the Convention.

We do ourselves and our institutions a great disservice if we close our eyes to the gravity of the problem of attracting and retaining qualified faculty members.

A program should be developed and implemented to "catch up" in salaries in the next year of two by providing substantial increases in order to narrow the gap that now exists. After that, the normal current increments might suffice.

C. Income

Mississippi Baptist colleges generally derive their income for educational and general purposes from five principal sources. These are:

1. Tuition and Fees from Students
2. The Mississippi Baptist Convention (Cooperative Program Receipts)
3. Endowments
4. Gifts and Grants
5. Other Sources

With the steadily advancing costs of all the elements essential to the provision of educational services, a sound balance among these sources is highly important. The tendency has been to increase tuition and fees in order to meet the demands of increased budgets.

In many private four-year colleges the income derived from students' fees run as high as 60 to 70 per cent. It is recommended, however, that in Baptist colleges this item be held to approximately 50 per cent. A greater percentage from this source tends to make the cost of college education prohibitive to increasing numbers of students.

The percentage of income for educational and general purposes from student fees in the Baptist colleges in Mississippi is shown in Table 9.

TABLE 9

PERCENTAGE OF INCOME FOR EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL PURPOSES FROM STUDENT FEES IN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES

Institution	1962-63	1964-65	1966-67
Mississippi College	57.3	65.8	66.5
William Carey College	48.0	51.9	72.0
Clarke	36.4	32.2	36.6
Blue Mountain	43.2	45.4	56.9

It should be noted that in each of the colleges the percentage of operating income derived from tuition and fees has been increased during the past five years. Unless larger income can be secured from sources, the cost to students will necessarily continue to increase.

It is observed that in most of the states the percentage of current operating income that is received from Convention funds tends to remain fairly stable at 18 to 20 per cent of the total income.

Gifts and grants are a source that can vary from year to year, depending upon the effectiveness of the promotional program of a given institution. Many institutions are securing substantial funds from individuals, organizations, and foundations.

Endowment funds are considered a necessary source of income for a stable institution. The accrediting associations recommend a minimum of \$4,000 of productive endowment per full time student. Thus, for

a student body of 1,000 students the minimum endowment should be \$4,000,000.

The endowment incomes of Mississippi Baptist colleges for 1965-66 were as follows:

Institution	Income From Endowment	Per Cent of Total Educational Income	Endowment Income Per Student
Blue Mountain	\$56,985	15.7	\$167.10
Clarke	29,859	12.6	82.94
Mississippi College	96,201	6.8	56.82
William Carey	46,248	6.8	59.37

These figures, when considered in relation to the actual income per student dramatically indicate the relatively small amounts that are derived from endowments except in the case of Blue Mountain College.

Assuming a return of 4 to 5 per cent from invested funds, the recommended endowment of \$4,000 per student should provide \$160 to \$200 per student each year. Because of its extremely low enrollment, Blue Mountain endowment income of \$167.10 per student approached this amount. In none of the other institutions is anything like this amount received.

A further indication is shown by comparison with 353 other private liberal arts colleges. A recent Government Report shows the estimated endowment income as a per cent of the basic educational expenditures in 1962 to be 15.4 per cent. (1)

(1) College and University Endowment, Office of Education U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, OE-53024, p.5.

It seems clear that if our institutions are to survive during the next two decades, they must secure endowment funds that approximate the recommended \$4,000 per student. It is strongly urged that endowment funds be secured to meet the suggested minimum as early as possible.

Stated in terms of percentages, the income from the major sources should be approximately as follows:

Tuition and Fees	50 per cent
Convention	20 per cent
Gifts and Grants	18 per cent
Endowment	10 per cent
Other	2 per cent

According to the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges, the minimum per student income for basic educational and general purposes in a college of a thousand full-time students should be \$805. In our own senior Baptist colleges the total income per student exceeds this minimum amount by more than \$100 on an average. Since the income from endowment funds in our senior colleges is generally much below that enjoyed by the average Southern Association College, the income required from student fees is \$50 higher and the income required from other sources is \$66 higher on an average per student. However, at Clarke Memorial Junior College the total income per student is \$48 less than the suggested minimum due largely to the exceedingly small amount derived from student fees, even though its income from all other sources is \$73 higher per student when compared to other junior colleges of the Southern Association.

D. Expenditures

Expenditures for Educational and General Purposes for each of the colleges are shown in Table 10. In three cases, the amounts shown for 1966-67 are budgeted figures rather than actual because the auditors' reports were not complete at the time the tabulations were made. It should be noted that these figures do not include any items related to auxiliary services, but are for the educational program. Amounts are given to the nearest dollar.

It is noted that the annual expenditures increased during the period from 30.3 per cent at Clarke to 60.4 per cent at Blue Mountain.

The average annual increase was as follows:

Blue Mountain	12.1 per cent
Clarke	6.1 per cent
Mississippi College	7.0 per cent
William Carey	6.5 per cent

In consideration of both the factors of enrollment growth and increased costs of all elements in instruction, these advances must be considered as conservative.

E. Financial Aid to Students

Financial aid to students constitutes a significant part of the operation of our Baptist colleges. The extent of aid provided during the fiscal year 1965-66 is shown in the following table:

TABLE 11

FINANCIAL AID TO STUDENTS IN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES 1965-66

INSTITUTION	Total Enrollment	Receiving Aid Number Percent	Amount
Blue Mountain	341	171 50	\$ 22,474.65
Clarke	360	127 35	19,951.86
Mississippi College	1,693	954 56	264,680.05
William Carey	779	476 61	213,617.00
TOTAL	3,173	1,728 54.1	\$520,723.56

The average amount per student aided was:

Blue Mountain	\$131.43
Clarke	\$157.10
Mississippi College	\$277.44
William Carey	\$448.77

In listing the sources of funds for aid to students, only William Carey accounted for all such funds and identified them as to source. It is assumed that amounts not identified as to source in the other institutions were derived from miscellaneous "other" sources.

While funded scholarships appear in each of the colleges they do not constitute a large proportion of the total funds for student assistance. Student loans provide the largest single source except in Blue Mountain College.

It is clear that financial assistance is a large factor in the recruitment of students. There are indications that this factor will continue to increase in importance. It is suggested that gifts from organizations and individuals are a fruitful source for increased student aid funds.

Cooperative action among the institutions could

TABLE 10

ANNUAL EXPENDITURES FOR EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL PURPOSES IN MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST INSTITUTIONS*

Institution	1962-63	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	% Increase
Blue Mountain	\$ 241,322	\$ 305,000	\$ 323,494	\$ 367,500	60.4
Clarke	189,174	210,710	222,652	234,735	30.3
Mississippi College	1,000,000	1,307,612	1,220,400	1,400,000	42.0
William Carey	515,700	580,611	680,822	710,000	38.0

*Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar.

be helpful in developing fairly uniform policies regarding student aid practices and are strongly recommended by the committee.

F. Budget Administration and Accountancy

The operation of an institution of higher learning is complex in many respects. The administration of the educational program, the operation and maintenance of the physical plant, the numerous services to students, the general program of promotion and the management of financial affairs—all of these require competent administration and management.

A vital part of the operations of our colleges pertains to the budgeting and handling of monetary matters. Each of the Mississippi Baptist institutions responded to questions relating to its fiscal responsibility.

In every instance the budget is prepared after analyzing the needs of the various departments by means of conferences with the persons in charge of the various areas. The President, business manager, and academic dean then reduce the estimates of funds to a considered minimum. Estimates of anticipated income are kept conservative. The projected figures are carefully analyzed and reviewed by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees and subsequently presented to the full Board of Trustees.

All four of the Mississippi Baptist colleges have operated on balanced budgets for several years. Thus, time has proven the annual budgets of each to be sufficiently conservative.

The Business Manager of each institution is the chief advisor to the President in budgetary matters. Strict controls in the form of requisition orders attached to the copy of items that are covered by the budget are procured from the business office and are kept on file for later audit. Routine expenditures such as salaries, insurance, utilities, maintenance supplies, etc., are handled by the Business Manager with close reference to the budget amount of each item. With few exceptions, expenditures are kept within budget requirements.

All acceptable practices and controls are exercised in the receipt and disbursement of funds. In no instance have independent firms of auditors, which are used by the various institutions, suggested that other safeguards are needed in receiving or disbursing funds.

Purchases for each institution are made by one authorized person in the office of the Business Manager. It appears that each is exercising the closest scrutiny in these matters. No policy seems to exist in regard to accepting bids and choosing the lowest bidder in making purchases. To follow such a procedure may be impractical due to the nature of the many purchases made by colleges. However it is possible that savings could be effected by the collective bargaining power of our institutions in regard to insurance, utility rates, vehicles, foods, books, etc.

The committee concludes that the colleges are doing a good job as far as they go in fiscal matters and recommends that:

1. The colleges walk together more closely as a group in sharing ideas and pooling certain resources that individual members possess.
2. All the colleges adopt a uniform fiscal year.
3. All the colleges adopt uniform accounting nomenclature and use it rather than lumping or grouping several items in budgets, audits, etc.

Certainly closer cooperation in these areas would produce wholesome results.

G. Physical Plant Needs to 1980

Any long range plan must include a reasonable estimate of the physical plant needs of Mississippi Baptist higher educational institutions. Buildings and other facilities require substantial funds which must be obtained in addition to funds for current operation.

Each Baptist college was requested to submit a list of its anticipated needs for new facilities to the year 1980. Each listed these needs under two main headings—educational and non-educational and in order of priority. A summary of these needs is set forth in Table 12.

TABLE 12

PHYSICAL PLANT NEEDS FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES TO 1980

INSTITUTION	Educational	Non-Educational	Total
Clarke	\$ 600,000	\$ 500,000	\$1,100,000
Blue Mountain	500,000	1,140,000	1,640,000
Mississippi College	2,325,000	1,425,000	3,750,000
William Carey	1,550,000	1,250,000	2,800,000
TOTAL	\$4,975,000	\$4,315,000	\$9,290,000

It is assumed that many of the non-educational facilities can be financed largely by long-term loans which can be retired from revenues. On the other hand, all of the proposed educational facilities must be financed by means of gifts either through the Convention or other sources.

Assuming that at least 50 per cent of the non-educational facilities could be financed through loans, the

total amount to be raised through gifts would amount to \$7,135,000.

To supply this amount will require that \$1,426,600 be raised annually over a period of five years. If it is assumed that most of the non-educational facilities can be financed by means of loans to be retired from net revenues and the funds for educational facilities (\$4,975,000) are to be secured before 1980, it will be necessary to secure an average of \$497,500 per year over a span of ten years. The magnitude of such an undertaking requires no elaboration.

Decision as to the raising of substantial funds within a comparatively short time can scarcely be deemed optional. With the rapid advance in the entire field of higher education, the institution with insufficient or substandard physical facilities cannot be expected to operate successfully.

The Committee did not make a detailed critical analysis of the statements of facility needs submitted by the several institutions. Conceivably, such critical study might result in some modification of the detailed listings. However, it is the judgment of the Committee that if these institutions are to continue their operations on a plane of high quality they will need substantially what they have projected as their physical plant needs.

H. Indebtedness

Each of the four Mississippi Baptist colleges reports no indebtedness incurred from current operations. This condition reflects satisfactory budgeting controls. Figures received from the four colleges reveal a total indebtedness of \$2,997,350 for physical facilities. Of this amount, 77% or more than \$2,000,000 was borrowed in order to construct new residence halls or other income-producing facilities. These loans (in the case of Mississippi College and William Carey) from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency are being amortized over a period of 40 years out of income received from the operation of these facilities.

The amount of indebtedness is shown by institution in Table 13.

The relationship of the indebtedness shown in Table 13 to the financing of additional facilities should be carefully considered. Funds for the construction of educational facilities must be secured through convention channels or from gifts by individuals and organizations. Current commitments from Convention budgets for capital needs must be taken into account before additional construction can be financed. In the light of possible limitation of enrollments or decreasing enrollments, caution should be exercised in the projection and financing of additional physical plant facilities.

I. Projection of Financing

The projections of the financial budgets of the Mississippi Baptist colleges as submitted to the committee have been computed on the basis of the projected number of students (Shown in Table 4) and the minimum per-student expenditure recommended by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

It should be pointed out that the minimum cost per student recommended by the Association was computed some five years ago. It does not take account of any factor of the constant increase in the cost of all essential elements of the educational program. In other words, the projections reflect mainly the one factor of student enrollments.

Conservative estimates indicate that in order to provide faculty salaries that are even mildly competitive, income for this purpose must be advanced by at least 7 per cent per year. If a growth factor of 5 per cent per year, and an improvement factor of 7 per cent per year were reflected, the total annual increase in the operating budgets would amount to approximately 12 per cent. This would seem to be an unrealistic figure and would indicate strong reason for keeping enrollments near the current figure and applying all or most of the budget increases to the quality factor.

If enrollments should be kept at approximately the present number, then the income from students would remain essentially as at present unless the costs of tuition and fees were advanced. Without such advance in tuition and fees, the entire increase in the budget would have to be raised from the remaining three major sources of income, convention gifts, gifts and grants from other sources, and endowments.

The projected income for educational and general expense in the Baptist Colleges of Mississippi are shown in Table 14.

TABLE 14
INCOME FOR EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL PURPOSES PROJECTED BY MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES*

Year	Mississippi College	Blue Mountain	Clarke	William Carey
1965-66	\$1,400,100	\$311,350	\$274,500	\$ 650,300
1966-67	1,505,800	370,000	184,800	673,400
1967-68	1,540,800	387,000	225,625	732,000
1968-69	1,575,000	429,500	254,373	832,500
1969-70	1,614,100	476,000	268,750	915,000
1975-76	1,824,100	630,000	345,000	1,080,000

*Based on growth factor and minimum expenditure per student.

TABLE 13

INDEBTEDNESS OF MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES

INSTITUTION	BASE OF INDEBTEDNESS	AMOUNT	METHOD OF AMORTIZATION
Blue Mountain	Construction of Non-Educational Facilities	\$ 325,000	Loan being negotiated as authorized by State Convention.
TOTAL		\$ 325,000	
Clarke Memorial	Construction of Educational Facilities	\$ 58,000	From individual payments on pledges to Expansion Program.
	Construction of Non-Educational Facilities	50,000	From individual payments on pledges to Expansion Program.
TOTAL		\$ 108,000	
Mississippi College	Construction of Non-Educational Facilities	\$	Being amortized over a 40-yr. period from income received from operation of facilities.
	Student Center	532,000	
	Dormitories	774,000	
	Real Estate	18,000	Being paid out of operating budget.
	Real Estate	53,000	Being amortized by an estate.
TOTAL		\$1,377,000	
William Carey	Construction of Educational Facilities	\$	Note with First Nat'l Bank secured with capital needs current 5-year program (\$275,000 for Carey) remainder of note secured by pledges from 1965 Enlargement Program.
	Thomas Hall	340,250	
	Educational Facilities		period with income from facilities.
	Abner Polk Hall	230,000	
	Base Hall	230,000	
TOTAL		\$ 800,250	
TOTAL ALL INSTITUTIONS		\$2,997,250	

In order that a more realistic projection of budgetary needs may be provided, the following projections in Table 15 are made by applying the factor of a 7 per cent annual increase. Such an annual increase seems imperative if the colleges are to provide educational services of even minimum acceptable quality.

**TABLE 15
PROJECTED BUDGETS FOR EDUCATIONAL AND
GENERAL PURPOSES FOR MISSISSIPPI
BAPTIST COLLEGES**

Year	Mississippi College	Rice Mountain	Clarke	William Carey
1966-67	\$1,505,000	\$370,000	\$194,800*	\$673,400
1967-68	1,610,902	395,900	197,736	720,538
1968-69	1,723,761	423,013	211,215	770,975
1969-70	1,844,403	453,267	226,000	824,943

*Special note should be taken of the fact that Clarke experienced a decline in budget and enrollment in 1966-67. If this is overcome, projected budgets will be larger.

These figures allow for no annual growth factor whatsoever. They do assume that the minimum recommended annual expenditure per student will be increased.

Thus it may be seen that, without providing for any increase over the present enrollments, the requirements would move well along toward the anticipated amounts suggested by the institutions for the next four years. Any growth in student enrollment must be computed and added to these projected figures.

All of these computations point to the fact that the increase in income that must be provided for these institutions must come largely from sources other than tuition and fees. And, whatever increases there are in enrollments will provide for only an approximate 50 per cent of the total budget increase that is due to enrollment.

Mississippi Baptists and also the boards and administrative officers of the colleges must face the fact that income from non-student sources must be greatly increased if the institutions are to survive. It has been conservatively estimated that the operating income should be derived from major sources in the proportions suggested on page 25.

In order to meet the recommended schedule of income the following conditions will be necessary:

1. Student fees will need to be adjusted both as to percentage of the total income and as to amounts in the several institutions.
2. Income from the convention will need to be stabilized at approximately 20 per cent of the total for current operation. Any requirements for debt service, new facilities and other capital funds will need to be increased annually.
3. Gifts and grants from other sources will be required in greater amounts.
4. Endowment funds will have to be increased to an amount equal to approximately \$4,000 per full-time student.

Mississippi Baptists cannot hope to continue the operation of their four colleges even on the basis of present quality unless they increase the present schedule of financial support. In other words, it should be understood that operation on the present financial basis will make it impossible for some of the colleges to continue in the years ahead.

The operation of all of the institutions on the basis of suggested increases in income that will support an educational program of minimum excellence will require a much larger commitment of funds by the Convention.

The institutions should not be expected to put into effect immediately the schedules here suggested. However, commitment to a firm policy on these matters should be made as early as is possible.

Some of the possible alternatives to the provision of adequate support for our Mississippi Baptist Colleges are:

1. Go out of the business of providing Christian higher education.
2. Reduce the scope of the present program by
 - a. closing some colleges, or
 - b. effecting consolidation of two or more colleges.
3. Realign ourselves to the prospect of operating sub-standard non-accredited institutions until such time as they cease to operate.
4. Limit the scope of operation of existing colleges both as to curriculum and enrollment to a point that can be adequately supported by the available financial resources.
5. Release some colleges to other sponsors and sources of financial support.
6. Seek additional funds from foundations, business, and industry.
7. Remove certain institutions to metropolitan centers.
8. Accept federal aid either through loans or gifts and grants.

In the face of such alternatives, it is concluded that Mississippi Baptists are going to remain in the business of Christian higher education and must resolve to face realistically the conditions that confront our institutions and boldly consider all feasible alternatives that may be in accord with our basic principles.

VI. COLLEGE DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS

Mississippi Baptist have generally recognized that their interests are served through the support of Christian higher education. Their position is well reflected in statements of both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963 states:

"The cause of education in the kingdom of God is coordinate with the cause of missions and general benevolence and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program of Christian people."

The constitution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention states:

"The purpose of this Convention is to provide a statewide organization for the Baptists of the state of Mississippi for the promotion of Christian missions throughout the state and any other objects, such as Christian education, benevolent enterprises, and social services, which it may at any time deem proper and advisable."

An understanding of denominational relations as reflected in the Baptist Faith and Message can best be interpreted by a review of official documents that involve relationships between the denomination and various institutions.

These documents are:

1. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

2. The Charters of Incorporation of the colleges.
3. The Minutes of the action taken by the Convention in session at various times.

The Constitution states that the Convention shall have power and authority to own, and support and control schools and colleges, and to provide for their operation by trustees or other agents.

Under the section of the Constitution entitled The Plan of Organization and Action the specific controls to be exercised by the Convention over the educational institutions are stated:

In general, these controls are:

1. The educational institutions are specified by name.
2. Trustees of the institution shall be elected by the Convention.
3. Sale or final disposal of real estate without specific Convention approval is prohibited. An exception to this provision is that disposition may be made of real estate or other property received by the institution in the form of bequests or wills, not adjacent to or involved in the immediate operation of the institution.
4. Provisions are made for an Education Commission whose powers and duties are to:
 - (a) Have the general oversight of the Convention's program of Christian education.
 - (b) Receive, study and evaluate the annual reports and audits of the educational institutions.
 - (c) Inaugurate, promote and direct any program of examination, survey, research or evaluation of the institutions as may be deemed necessary to the welfare and health of the institutions or the Convention.
 - (d) Make recommendations through the Convention Board to the Convention concerning all cooperative efforts in the field of Christian education.
 - (e) Recommend to the Convention Board the percentage of institutional apportionment out of the funds set aside by the Convention for Christian education.
 - (f) Be the channel through which all matters relating to the total program of Christian education shall be directed.
 - (g) Evaluate and study any major departure from the established program of any institution, or, any new or additional project or plan involving financial support from the Convention before action by the administration or trustees of the institution.
5. The manner of election and the eligibility of trustees are described.
6. Projection of any new object or enterprise involving the expenditure of money is prohibited until such object or enterprise is approved by the Convention.
7. Construction may be started on no new project involving the expenditure of money until sufficient means are in hand for the completion of such project, except that large projects planned to be completed in units may be begun when means are in hand for the completion of the first unit. Each subsequent unit may then be begun when means are in hand for its completion.
8. Any institution that incurs an indebtedness for current operations is required to reduce its operating budget for the ensuing year by the amount of the deficit and may not increase its operating budget until the deficit has been liquidated.
9. Boards of trustees of institutions are prohibited from executing a lien or otherwise encumbering any real estate or other property under their ownership, supervision or management without previous authorization by the Convention.
10. An annual audit is required with a report of audit to be made to the Convention.
11. A written report of the operation of each institution must be made annually to the Convention.

A review of the Charters of Incorporation of the Baptist Colleges in Mississippi indicates that the charters give due recognition to the responsibility of the boards of trustees in the operation and control of the colleges.

It is a historical fact that the Mississippi Baptist Colleges have operated successfully under the authority granted both by their charters and the constitution of the Convention.

An examination of the minutes of the sessions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for the past hundred years revealed that while the Convention has almost continually been concerned with the problems of the educational institutions which it has supported, there have been a surprisingly small number of times that the Convention has set policy that should be the prerogative of the trustees of the institutions. In most of these instances there does not seem to have been any real controversy between the Convention and the trustees.

These instances of improper action of the Convention with regard to their educational institutions should decrease as Mississippi Baptists become more perceptive as to the constitutional manner in which the Convention may properly control its institutions.

The questions as to what would be the result of any legal action the Convention might take should trustees of an institution fail to follow a recommendation of the Convention may not be answered until such time that such action would be taken. Of course, over a period of time the Convention in the election of the trustees can change the membership of a board responsive to the wishes of the Convention. Withholding financial support, however, is a most effective control in itself.

There is little doubt that to some degree the problems of the colleges are due to lack of adequate communication between the colleges and the constituency. This is in spite of the fact that there has been effort on the part of both to communicate.

The adage is true that to any degree we can inform people to that extent we will have better support from them. There must be confidence on the part of the Baptists of Mississippi that their colleges are being operated under a Christian atmosphere with a definite Baptist approach for the purpose of strengthening the Baptist cause and witness. At the same time the trustees and faculties of our Baptist colleges must be persuaded that the Baptists of Mississippi believe in their colleges and want to give them worthy support.

At a recent session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, a statement of objectives for Christian education was adopted. The Objectives Arising from Denominational Relationships approved by that Convention was a series of statements to which Mississippi Baptists could well subscribe. Re-stated with particular reference to Mississippi, these are:

1. To make our institutions distinctly Christian in purpose and accomplishment. This means a strong Christian influence constantly permeating

the entire institution — its classes, campus, students, faculty, staff, administrators, and trustees.

2. To maintain in our institutions sound doctrinal stability in accordance with Baptist beliefs.
3. To maintain mutually loyal and cooperative working relations with the Mississippi Baptist Convention.
4. To recognize the Christian faith as the unifying center for the explanation of all knowledge.
5. To point out the glaring deficiencies of secularism, the system of thought and philosophy described as the "attempt to organize life apart from God."

The Denomination may reasonably expect each Baptist College to feel that it is a child of the Convention. This relationship requires that there should be a definite commitment on the part of the Administration, faculty and trustees to the Lordship of Christ and to the cause of Christian education. The colleges may reasonably expect from the Denomination adequate support, sympathetic consideration of their problems and understanding of the colleges as institutions with the responsibility for academic excellence as well as Christian commitment. Such relationships cannot be left to mere chance. There must be free interchange of information about the colleges so that the supporting churches may have a sound factual basis for their support.

Effective communications between the Baptist people and their institution must be maintained. This calls for more than an occasional bulletin or a special college day in the churches. Such means are valuable but they must be supported by well-planned continual interchange of information.

High level joint planning by the Education Commission and the Convention Board will be required.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

In summary, the Long Range Committee on Christian Education recommends:

1. That the Mississippi Baptist Convention recognize and re-emphasize the vital role its colleges have in developing the capability of the individual and the importance of the educational program to perpetuate the denomination and ensure its fullest growth by providing means for developing leadership (laymen and Christian ministries) to bring mankind into the right relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
2. That each college review the statements of purpose, philosophy, and promises of services contained in the catalog and elsewhere; and, if needed, revise them to provide a realistic description of what the college is and what its objectives are.
3. That the Education Commission restudy the method and formula of allocating Cooperative Program funds for operation of the colleges and give consideration to four basic elements as follows:
 - (a) lump sum allocation to each institution regardless of size as a means of allowing for higher costs per student for the first few hundred students,
 - (b) quantitative allocation determined on basis of number of regular students with appropriate weights and adjustments for different types and classes of students,
 - (c) subject matter differential using actual expenses of the cost of teaching each subject,
 - (d) graduate study differential based upon difference in per semester hour costs in departments offering graduate work compared to the average per semester hour costs in the same departments in other institutions offering only undergraduate work, and
 that any changes deemed appropriate after careful consideration of these elements be implemented as soon as feasible.
4. That each college inaugurate some form of enrollment control as soon as feasible and establish goals for a minimum enrollment and a maximum enrollment. Authorities accept an enrollment of 500 as a minimum enrollment to support an effective senior liberal arts college. Certain limitations must be faced in the future enrollments of our Baptist colleges. Each institution should consider establishing a maximum to its enrollment to a number so that a feasible program of education and necessary financial resources can receive the major attention it needs to have a distinctive and quality educational program. It is conservatively estimated that annual budget increases of 12 per cent a year (7 per cent for faculty salary increases and 5 per cent for growth) will be needed. This seems unrealistic and indicates strongly that enrollments must be controlled and that budget increases be utilized to increase the quality factor. Setting a goal of a faculty - student ratio of 1 to 20 will assist our institutions to accept only the number of students that be supported adequately.
5. That each college establish admissions standards and requirements for continuance in college so as to permit only those students to enter and remain in our Baptist colleges who indicate both a capacity and a motivation to do satisfactory work. It is strongly suggested that admission standards require graduation from an accredited high school or prescribed equivalent, a minimum score on standardized entrance examinations, acceptable quality work in high school, and that such standards be set at a level as to exclude only those students whose records indicate inability to pass college work.
6. That the administration of each college analyze sources of income and from the analysis formulate objectives, outline plans, and identify responsibilities for its development program.
7. That the Education Commission make an extensive financial efficiency study of all Mississippi Baptist Colleges including comparative credit hour costs of instruction in all subjects, the amounts and sources of funds expended for athletics, and other similar matters.
8. That the colleges commit themselves to a firm policy of deriving educational and general purposes income approximately as follows:
 - (a) Student tuition and fees — 50%. A greater percentage from this source tends to make the cost of college education prohibitive to an increasing number of students. Our Boards of Trustees and administrative officers must face the fact that income from non-student sources must be greatly increased.
 - (b) Endowments — 10%. Endowment funds

are a necessary source of income for a stable institution. Authorities consider \$4,000 of productive endowment as a minimum per student. It seems clear that if our institutions are to survive in the next two decades, they must secure endowments that approximate \$4,000 per student minimum. Generally they are woefully lacking of the minimum.

- (c) Convention (Cooperative Program Receipts) — 20%.
- (d) Gifts and grants from individuals, organizations, and foundations — 18%.
- (e) Other — 2%.

A sound balance among sources of income for educational and general purposes is highly important.

9. That the Education Commission in concert with the colleges develop and implement a curricula pruning and care program. The number of undersized classes in our Baptist Colleges is sufficiently large to warrant serious study and affirmative action—weed out courses not needed, add needed new courses, eliminate duplicate courses, change level of content of some courses, reduce the number of majors, change degree requirements, etc. Our colleges must secure faculty members with doctorates in certain areas or discontinue the practice of allowing students to major in those areas.

Inter-institutional cooperative arrangements with our Baptist colleges and public and private colleges in the locality whereby students desiring majors in departments rarely used may be accommodated needs to be fully explored.

10. That the Convention designate Mississippi College as the college that should be the major center for graduate work and that it proceed only in those areas of graduate work where academic excellence, financial resources, library, laboratory and research facilities are commensurate with prevailing standards.

11. That the colleges, working with the Education Commission, develop a sound policy governing all aspects of financial aid to students and that such policy be appropriately publicized. Student financial assistance (loans, scholarships, etc.) is a major factor in recruitment and retention of students. Efforts should be intensified to provide funded scholarships in order to guard against the practice of deriving scholarship funds from educational and general purposes income.

12. That wholesome results can be produced by inter-institutional cooperation in the following fiscal matters:

- (a) adoption of a uniform fiscal year.
 - (b) adoption of uniform accounting nomenclature and procedures such as that recommended by American Council on Education.
 - (c) adoption and/or establishment of uniform policies regarding purchasing policies and procedures including bids for specified dollar volume.
 - (d) pooled purchasing of items where practical (insurance, books, food services, etc.)
13. That extraordinary measures be taken to substantially upgrade faculty salaries, otherwise, Mississippi Baptist colleges will be unable to maintain a creditable place in the academic community. Presently, colleges are unable to maintain a position to recruit and retain an adequate number of qualified faculty members to say nothing of the lack of ability to secure faculty members of outstanding ability.
14. That future expansion of physical facilities be restricted as follows:
- (1) non-educational facilities be financed by loans to be retired from net revenues,
 - (b) educational facilities to be financed in whole or in part through allocations or anticipated allocations from the Convention Capital Needs Program be authorized only after adequate justification for the facility (ies) and due consideration taken of current commitments against the Convention Capital Needs Program.

15. That the Convention, Education Commission, College Boards of Trustees and College administrative staffs, under the guidance of the Education Commission, develop a planned and coordinated program of communicating the complete story of the solid doctrinal position and total potential contribution of Mississippi Baptist colleges to our denominational program, to further acquaint Mississippi Baptists with our Christian educational program and institutions and to adequately inform faculty members about the relation of the college to the Convention and denomination. Such a communications program should include these methods and approaches.

(a) Improved use of the Baptist Record. The Baptist Record is the best medium for getting information to Mississippi Baptists and its editorial policy is favorable to Christian education. It is suggested that a clinic be held by the staff of the Baptist Record for college public relations staff members and other appropriate personnel to develop ways for most efficient and effective use of releases etc. Further, consideration should be given to paid advertising by the colleges in the Baptist Record on a quarterly or semi-annual basis with the cost to be prorated among the colleges on the basis of enrollment.

(b) Publication of a quarterly "Christian Education Newsletter" or similar "digest" by the Christian Education Commission for distribution to the churches and the colleges.

(c) Increased availability and use of college facilities for denominational meetings as long as it does not interfere with normal academic functions.

(d) Planned Special Day programs on Mississippi Baptists' Christian Education Program in the churches and associations.

(e) Judicious use of supervised (by the colleges) youth teams and youth talent available to churches and communities for revival programs.

(f) Establishment of a Speaker's Bureau at each college to make available qualified faculty and staff members to civic clubs, PTA's, and other community organizations as well as to churches and associational meetings.

16. That the Convention designate and charge the Education Commission with the responsibility for implementing this report in cooperation with the administrations of the various colleges.

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The Lure Of Other Gods

By Clifton J. Allen
Hosea 4: 8-10

Hosea declared the word of God to a nation "joined to idols." The people of the Northern Kingdom had been enticed by the lure of many gods and had forsaken Jehovah. Rightfully, therefore, the Lord had a controversy with the wayward people. In chapter 4 of Hosea we have a realistic description of the moral and spiritual degeneracy of the people of Israel.

The Lesson Explained
God's Controversy 4:1-2, 11-12
God's controversy with the children of Israel was both real and right. God had a justifiable case. The people of Israel were guilty of many abominable sins. Their worship of Jehovah had become a farce of ceremony and hypocrisy. Many had turned to Baal-ism and other forms of idolatry, the very worship of these gods being accompanied by unspeakable lust and immorality. Moral standards were completely ignored—so much so that Hosea said there was "no truth, nor mercy," but instead "swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery" and constant violence and murder. God could not ignore such great wickedness. We thus discover the root of the trouble in Israel. It was irreligion—the hearts of the people were alienated from Jehovah. Hosea emphasized this by his repeated charge of whoredom. Iniquity Run Riot 8:4, 11-14

Hosea was not a prophet who found satisfaction in condemnation, who delighted to describe the basest forms of wickedness, or who used figures of speech to exaggerate ugly situations. But he felt the obligation of his call from the Lord to declare the spiritual condition of the people. He described the unstable political situation—king after king being assassinated—the struggle for power, and the folly of kings who persisted in courses of evil. From the beginning of the Northern Kingdom, idols of silver and gold had been devised—an open violation of the Second Commandment—and thus the seed of destruction was planted in the

nation's life. The harvest of evil increased. Ephraim—or Israel—"made many altars to sin." The idols and high places were encouragement to practice evil and to break the commandments of God. While sacrifices were offered to Jehovah, he refused to accept them. The people were unwilling to meet the demands of true religion.

Time For Repentance
10:12

God's steadfast love expressed itself in long-suffering mercy and willingness to forgive. Hosea, in God's behalf, challenged the people of Israel to turn from wickedness to righteousness. If they would sow in righteousness, they would reap in mercy. There was need to break up the fallow ground—that is, to let the hardness of their hearts be broken and crushed and made mellow by recognition of their sinfulness, deep contrition before God, and earnest desire for the forgiveness of the Lord. It was time to repent and seek the Lord. If they would do so with sincerity, God would rain righteousness upon them.

Truths to Live By

Evil has a way of capturing the heart.—There is something about evil that is alluring and deceptive. The unregenerated person loves darkness rather than light. And even in the life of the Christian, there is still human weakness and selfish pride and undisciplined passion. Satan never loses an opportunity to appeal to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

Enormity of sin to enormity of judgment.—Persons pursue sin with a passion. Many make crime their business. Multitudes of persons are engaged in trades and vocations designed to encourage iniquity. Christians find themselves bombarded by the ideas of self-indulgence and self-centered pride. How does God feel about such a corrupt and crooked generation? As we saw, so shall they reap.

People are destroyed by spiritual illiteracy.—If people do not know God, they have no true understanding of themselves, of right and wrong, of the values that give meaning to life, or of the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. The destruction and ruin of spiritual illiteracy constitute the imperative necessity for teaching the biblical revelation.

Worshippers Must Be Kind

By Bill Duncan
Deut. 22: 1-4; 24: 10-13, 19-22; Ephesians 4: 2; 5: 2

In the book, *Our Search for Success*, the story is told of a foreigner who could speak but little English, and was recently noticed in Central Park, New York, by a kind-hearted man. He saw that the stranger looked dejected and lonely and thought that the poor man might be in need. To his offer of assistance, the foreigner replied that he did not need money, but that he was very lonely and just hungry for a handshake.

The world is hungry for a handshake, a listening ear, a helping heart, a sympathetic and understanding word, a giving spirit, and a real Christian friendship.

One of the "don'ts" published in a little book for mechanics reads: "Don't forget that the warmth of the hand will increase the diameter of the shaft." If the touch of a human hand can move cold steel, what may we expect when it touches the human being? Something happens when we extend kindness in concern and friendship. The kindness of Christ flows through channels of human fellowship. The loving concern of our Savior is extended through human beings committed to His purpose and divine will.

"Always treat others as you would like them to treat you." (New English Bible, Matthew 7:12) The application of the Golden Rule in speech, actions, and attitudes for one week on the part of any church would change the community until it would be unrecognizable.

The Bond of Brotherhood
The instructions of the law of Moses were not all "Don'ts." One of the strongest features is the kind-spirit it fosters in neighborly relationships. The words of Lev. 19:18, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," permeates the book of Deuteronomy. The members of the community stand in covenant relation with both God and men. God's love for Israel led to the inauguration of the covenant relationship. Israel is to love God in return, to be loyal to Him, and to show brotherly love and fidelity to fellow Israelites.

There were reasons offered

for kindly, generous, brotherly attitudes. The book of Deuteronomy says that the motive for such actions is the attitude and deeds of God. God had showed kindness toward a nation: "You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt." The God of love and mercy requires love and mercy of those who live in fellowship with Him.

There were three areas of kindness that the Israelites were to show kindness:

(1) Lost property of known and unknown members of the community is to be restored as speedily as possible. (22: 1-4). This speaks that we are responsible not only for persons but also their property. One of the serious crimes of our day is disregard for the private ownership of property. Not only should we leave property alone that belongs to another, but we should help protect property of others.

(2) No interest is to be charged on loans of money or goods to one's brother in the community (23: 19-20). Helpfulness, not the desire for profit, should characterize brotherly relationship. The conditions laid down by Moses for the loaning of money or property showed great personal concern for the feelings of other people. If a poor man gave some item of clothing as a pledge, this should be returned before nightfall to give him protection in the cold.

(3) Generosity toward the poor will dictate leaving some of the harvest for gathering by them. (24: 19-22). The harvesters were to refrain from a second harvest in order to provide food for the poor. Kindness toward the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow was shown in order to show thankfulness toward God for His bounty.

Law of Personal Relationship
Ephesians 4: 22

Paul summed up all his advice on banishing from the Christian life the old way of life, with the Law of Personal Relationship. The Christians to be kind. The Greeks defined this quality as the disposition of mind which thinks as much of its neighbor's affairs as it does of its own. Kindness is as concerned with the feeling of other people (Continued on page 8)



PROUDLY TRYING out their new set of kettle drums, are William Carey College professor, Benjamin Dunford, and music student, Jan Douglas. The drums, purchased at a price of approximately \$500, were a gift to the Carey Crusader Band by the Carey College Alumni Association. The kettle drums will be used in a concert for the first time on December 2 when Homecoming festivities will include a Crusader Band performance.

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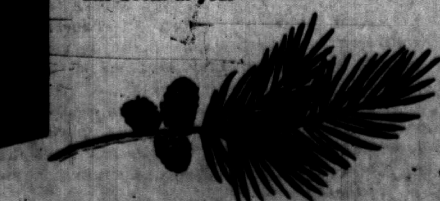
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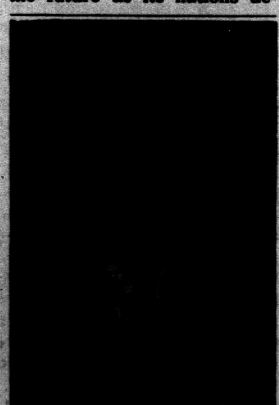
"Traditional impressions based on half-truths" hinder mission efforts in the Orient, especially the volunteering of missionaries, said Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in a report during the Board's annual meeting, October 9-11.

The four most populous nations in which Southern Baptists have missionaries are India, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Japan, each with more than 100,000,000 people, Dr. Crawley pointed out. Leaving out India, where Southern Baptist mission work is just beginning, approximately 42 percent of the overseas people to whom Southern Baptists are trying to witness live in the Board's Orient mission fields. Yet ideas of evangelistic opportunities in this significant area have been distorted by impressions handed down across the years.

"Some of the traditional impressions are that the Orient is far distant and its life radically different, that its people are aloof and inscrutable, and that missions work there is difficult, slow, and discouraging," he said. "Of course, there are elements of truth in these ideas."

"But the distant has been brought near and the strange made familiar by modern transportation and communication. Except for the Communist-dominated portions, the Orient is remarkably open to new ideas, quite responsive

to the gospel, and strategic both for the present and for the future as its nations ac-



Gordon H. Sansing

Calvary Calls Asst. Pastor

Rev. Gordon H. Sansing assumed his duties on November 1 as assistant pastor with Calvary Church, Jackson.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. L. Gordon Sansing of Jackson, he is a graduate of Murrah High School, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Elsie Williams of Jackson, who is a graduate of Murrah High School and Mississippi College.

Mr. Sansing has served as assistant pastor of First Church, Florence, and has come to his new position from the pastorate of Knox Church, Tyler, Texas.

celerate change and move full speed ahead into the modern world.

"The central consideration, however, is neither the traditional picture nor the new and growing progressive element, but rather the fact that the Orient's millions, its masses, are people with all the usual human viewpoints, needs, and aspirations. Their cultures and conditions provide the framework within which we have the joy of sharing with them the message of eternal life."

Reports show that last year there was more than one baptism for every nine members in the Orient churches related to Southern Baptist mission efforts. Sunday School enrollment is larger than church membership, indicating the probability of continued growth. Approximately 70 percent of the churches and mission points have national pastors, and 80 percent of the churches are self-supporting.

"So as not to overstate the case, we must call attention to ways in which we should improve and strengthen the work," Dr. Crawley continued. "For example, the number of mission points is not nearly as great as it should be in proportion to the number of churches. Another weakness is the slow development, in some cases, of denominational strength and vision and the transfer of initiative and leadership in overall planning from the missionary organization to emerging Baptist conventions and their leaders."

DEVOTIONAL

"Digging For Treasures"

By John W. Flowers, Pastor, First, Senatobia
 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God. . . " II. Tim.
 2:15a. "Who hath a book, has friends at hand. . ."

One may be shut away from international events, and limited to the thrills of world travel, but within the confines of his living room he may seem to drift with the Taj Mahal in the blue of the Indian sky. He may be swept away in the gay volitive air of the Roman Coliseum in the festivities of the ancient world; or glide across the empty expanses of desert as the Bedouin silently steals way into the night; or smell the sweetness of the breeze ebbing into the warmth of the South Seas; or even yet be propelled into the wildest imaginations of the future or space while traveling the pathway of the library.

Books hold the cherished recipe of happiness; challenging guideposts in one's journeys toward the infinite; or the bright star to which he may hitch a wagon. Always they provide a vine-covered arbor under which we may find peace, poise, and contentment. For, "the best cosmetic in the world is an active mind that is always finding something new."

One becomes richer when the mind has been inspired by works that influence the thinking; by books that enliven the sensitivity to life's deeper meaning; by word pictures that arouse from lethargy and even wild imaginations that exalt by strengthening the heart and restoring the soul. To leave books untouched, undisturbed on the shelves to gather dust and provide food only for the moth is to find one dying of thirst within reach of water, or to become a hermit while being pressed by the multitudes.

Life's grandest symphony is to be enjoyed in the mind and soul of those who gather unto themselves books containing the rare compositions of those who have dared to dream and to see visions.

With books, pause long to enjoy the formal gardens of life and pluck a rose for Eden's lingering fragrance; or taste the wine of the golden apple. Sip the refreshing water of the eternal spring while on the mountain height, and let the soul soar while sharing the view of a mind-expanding horizon.

Your journey through the pages of good books gives light like the rays of heaven in their clearness, a vastness like the bosom of the sea, and a variety like the four seasons of nature.

All are born, all die, all lose loved ones, most marry and nearly all work, but the significance of these acts vary enormously as we give meaning and vision to the common existence by travel through the pages of books full of the inspiration of genius.

Set your highest ideals to a devotion to the right that never swerves; to a religion full of trust and hope and love, and to such a philosophy this world will give all the joy it possesses.

"O for a Bookie and a shade nooke,
 Kyther in-a-door or out;
 With the grene leaves whispering overhede,
 or the streete cryes all about;

Where I male Reade all at my ease
 Both the Newe and Olde,
 For a jollie goode Booke whereon to looke
 Is better to me than golde."



"WE'RE GOING, TOO!" These children from the three-year nursery are among 114 Southern Baptist MKs (missionary kids) whose parents are currently in orientation at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly. (Photo by Kenneth R. Bragg)

Names In The News

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Duncan of Jackson are the parents of a new son, Mark Joseph, born October 25, weighing 6 lb., 3 oz. Their older son, John, is four. Mr. Duncan is business manager of the Baptist Record.

Rev. Jack D. Edmonds, who serves as crusade director for C. E. Autrey, Jack Stanton, and Eual Lawson, of the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, will be continuing with these crusades, but is opening a new office and will be available in 1968 to direct a limited number of city and area-wide crusades. He will have two offices: Eastern office, Box 263, Montreat, North Carolina 28757; Western office, First Southern Baptist Church, SE 28th and Sunny Lane, Del City, Oklahoma. Counties or associations desiring further information may contact either of the above addresses.

John E. Roberts, Editor of The Baptist Courier, in Greenville, South Carolina, has been named to the Board of Development at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Roberts joins a group of some seventy lay men and women from 11 states who have pledged themselves to undergirding and supplementing the work of Christian education at the Seminary in New Orleans.

Dr. James W. Middleton, pastor of First Church, Shreveport, Louisiana was the featured speaker of the Fellowship Dinner of First Church of Canton in its 1967 Forward Program of Christian Stewardship. Rev. J. L. Taylor is pastor of First, Canton.

Dr. Sampey Dies In South Carolina

Dr. John R. Sampey, Jr., son of an outstanding former president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and of the Southern Baptist Convention, died in late October. He was for more than 30 years a member of the faculty at Furman University. In his death, Southern Baptists lost an able and respected layman.

The Baptist Courier, South Carolina Baptists' state paper, stated concerning him, "Dr. Sampey received nationwide recognition as an outstanding scientist and teacher. He was equally recognized as a Christian statesman. His influence will long be felt among South Carolina Baptists. His great contribution was the witness of a patiently determined fight to lead a rich life of Christian service during 18 years of affiliation."



Rev. Allen M. Mullan

Belen Church Calls Pastor

Rev. Allen M. Mullan has been called by the Belen Church and he and his family have moved into the redecorated parsonage.

Mr. Mullan grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. He was graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Seminary in 1967.

His former pastorates have been in Tate and Tallahatchie counties and in Lamar County, Texas. Mrs. Mullan is the former Jo Ann McMinn of Courtland. They have one daughter, Patricia Ann, age 16.

MC Sets High School Day

A record attendance is expected for Mississippi College's annual High School Day, scheduled for Saturday, November 18, on campus.

Admissions Counselor Jimmy L. Morrison, chairman of the day, states that he expects a higher attendance than at last year's event, which hosted a record 750 students. The occasion is being promoted through schools and churches of the state in an effort to make sure that all high school seniors and junior college sophomores have an opportunity to visit the campus.

The day's schedule begins with registration in the lobby of Nelson Hall at 8:30, followed by an assembly in the auditorium. They will be welcomed to the campus by President R. A. McLemore, other administrative officials, and student leaders. A Special Chocaw, Joan Myers, Miss Mississippi, and 1st Alternate, Miss America, will be on hand to greet the prospective students.

The morning segment of the program will be spent in various activities, both entertaining and enlightening. A musical jam session will be presented by various campus groups and individual performers. Following this, other students will act as tour guides as the guests look over the facilities of the multi-million dollar educational institution.



Rev. Reid Dicken, Jr.

Interim Head Of Historical Commission

Rev. Reid Dicken, Jr., pastor of First Church, Benton, is serving as interim executive secretary of the Historical Commission. He will fill this position until a new secretary can take office.

Mr. Dicken has been pastor of the Benton church for the past 4 1/2 years; member of the Board of Trustees for the Commission for 6 years; and has served as its president for the past 2 years.

Under his supervision a complete inventory of all materials housed in the commission Library is under way, making index cards on all associational minutes and books.

Rev. B. T. Bishop, of McComb, is chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Heuck's Retreat Honors Teacher For Her 37 Years Of Service

Miss Mary Haley, long-time Beginner Teacher at Heuck's Retreat Church, Lincoln County, was recently recognized and honored for 37 years work in the Beginner Department.

During the regular worship service October 1, Mrs. Jewell Smith made the presentation of a plaque for the Beginner's Class, naming it "The Mary Haley Beginner Class." Mrs. Smith told of Miss Haley's devotion to God, and her love of the work with the young children. All former pupils of Miss Haley who were present were recognized. Miss Haley, a life-long resident of Heuck's Retreat Community, was completely surprised by this recognition.

Rev. B. A. Coulter is pastor of Heuck's Retreat.

Christian Education Committee Reports

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 The report emphatically declares however "That there is an essential place for the college of higher academic quality that is distinctively Christian, and the Christian college has a unique function which cannot be performed by secular educational institutions."

Detailed Study
 Following a detailed study of practically every aspect of the operations of the four schools the report closes with a series of far-reaching recommendations that begins with a request that the Convention "recognize and re-emphasize the vital role its

colleges have in developing the capability of the individual . . . to bring mankind into the right relationship with God through Jesus Christ."

The recommendations also ask "that each college review the statements of purpose, philosophy, and promises of services contained in the catalogue and elsewhere, and if needed, revise them."

A further recommendation asks that each college inaugurate some form of enrollment control, establishing minimum and maximum goals, set admission standards to accept only students who indicate a capacity to do satisfactory work, and com-

mit themselves to a firm policy of deriving income according to formula suggested in report.

This includes: Student fees, 50%; endowments, 10%; Convention (Cooperative Program) 20%; gifts, 18% and other, 2%.

The Recommendations also ask the college to cooperate more closely as a group in sharing ideas and pooling resources.

The Recommendations further ask that the Convention designate Mississippi College as the college that should be the major center for graduate work.

The report recommends that the Convention's Education Commission restudy the formula of allocating Cooperative Program funds to the schools and also make an extensive financial efficiency study of the colleges.

Further recommendations ask that the colleges, working with the Education Commission, develop a sound policy governing all aspects of financial aid to students, and that extraordinary measures be taken to substantially upgrade faculty salaries.

The recommendations close with the urgent request that the Convention, Education Commission, College Boards of Trustees and college administrative staffs, under guidance of the Commission, "develop a coordinated program of communicating the complete story of the solid doctrinal position and total potential contribution of Mississippi Baptist Colleges to our denominational program."

Alternatives Given
 Convinced that "Mississippi Baptists are going to remain in the business of Christian higher education," the report does suggest some possible alternatives to the provision of adequate support to the colleges:

"Go out of the business of providing Christian higher education; reduce the scope of the present program by (a) closing some colleges, or (b) effecting consolidation of two or more colleges; resign ourselves to the prospect of operating sub-standard, non-accredited institutions until such

time as they cease to operate; limit the scope of operation of existing colleges both as to curriculum and enrollment to a point that can be adequately supported by the available financial resources; release some colleges to other sponsors and sources of financial support; seek additional funds from foundations, business and industry; remove certain institutions to metropolitan centers; accept federal aid either through loans or gifts and grants.

Under the constitution of the State Convention, the institutions are owned by the Convention but operated by trustees appointed by the parent body.

The report, in this connection, states that "an examination of the minutes of the sessions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for the past hundred years reveals that while the Convention has almost continually been concerned with the problems of the educational institutions which it has supported, there have been a surprisingly small number of times that the Convention has set policy that should be the prerogative of the trustees of the institutions. In most of these instances there does not seem to have been any real controversy between the Convention and the trustees."

The four colleges owned by the Convention are Mississippi College, Clinton; Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain; Wm. Carey College, Hattiesburg; all senior colleges, and Clark Memorial College, Newton, a junior college.

Other members of the long range committee are: Dr. D. C. Applegate, Starkville, vice-chairman; Dr. Howard E. Spell, Clinton, secretary; J. B. Young, Ellisville; Dr. O. P. Moore, Newton; Dr. Bob N. Ramsey, Brookhaven; Dr. David Grant, Jackson; Horace Headrick, Laurel; Dr. Bob Simmons, Meridian; Dr. C. B. Hamlet, III, Hattiesburg; Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian; Glenn Perry, Philadelphia.

Dr. Oak Campbell, chairman of the Board of the Associated Consultants in Education, Tallahassee, Florida,



REV. JOHNNIE LEE BRIGMAN, Pastor, is leading the Tyertown Baptist Church in its first organized budget promotion in November. They are using the Forward Program Of Christian Stewardship. Demonstration Day offering was \$2,373.00; almost \$1,000 over the average weekly offering for the first 6 months of this year. Dedication Day is Sunday, Nov. 12th.

BH Topics For November

THE BAPTIST HOUR sermon theme for November is "The Gospel of Freedom."

The sermon topics are:

November 5—"A Slave or a Son?"—Gal. 4:7.

November 12—"Why Attempt the Impossible?"—Gal. 5:3.

November 19—"Free to Do as You Please"—Gal. 5:13.

November 26—"Every Farmer Knows This"—Gal. 6:7.

Dr. Herschel Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, is THE BAPTIST HOUR preacher.

SS Lesson . . .

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 ple as it is with its own feelings. It is as concerned with the sorrows, the struggles, and the problems of other people as it is with its own. The Christian is to forgive others as God forgave him. The Law of Personal Relationship is that we should treat others as Jesus Christ has treated us. In I Corinthians 13: 4, "Love is kind," speaks of Christian love being shown in kindness. The one who practices Christian love lives on an accessible avenue to God in true worship.

served as general consultant to the committee.

REA Meet Set For Broadmoor

The State Baptist Religious Education Association's annual luncheon will be held at 12:30 p. m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the Broadmoor Baptist Church.

Bill Hardin, president, Kosciusko, has urged all members to plan to attend.

Tickets can be secured from Paul Harrell, associate in Brotherhood Department, for \$1.25 each.

Memphis Baptist . . .

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The new facility will be on the fourth floor of the BMH Lamar Unit. Accommodations will range in price from \$9.50 for a semi-private to \$16.50 for a private room with full bath. Admission to the unit must be made through a member of the BMH medical staff.

Medicare covers up to 100 days in an extended care facility, but does not cover the patient that requires only custodial care. To be eligible for Medicare benefits, patients are required to be in a general hospital at least three days before transfer to an extended care facility.

The hospital service at Lamar Unit for rehabilitation and treatment of the physically disabled will continue to operate as a separate unit on the second and third floors.

STATE CONVENTION TO MEET

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 tana Baptist Fellowship, Bozeman.

Election of officers is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon. If custom is followed, Mr. Townsend will be reelected.

During the past several years the convention has alternated between a clergyman and a layman and re-electing each time for a second term.

To assist in presiding will be First Vice-President, Rev. Dan Morton of Amory and Second Vice - President, Rev. D. D. Satterwhite, Bay Springs.

Paul Adams, Starkville, is recording secretary with Horace Kerr, Jackson, associate recording secretary.

The Convention will also consider a recommendation that the Convention Board or its Executive Committee be authorized to borrow up to \$200,000 for the construction and furnishing of a Baptist student center on property now owned by the Board adjacent to the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, said loan to be repaid from the allocation for Baptist student centers under the capital needs program of the convention.

Special music at each session will be rendered by a singing group or an individual. Scripture will be read at each session by a minister with prayer to be offered by a layman.

At 12:30 p. m. Wednesday the alumni associations of the Southern Baptist Seminaries will hold luncheons at various places in Jackson.

Other members of the committee on order of business are: Horace Headrick, Laurel; Dr. D. R. Roark, Yazoo City; Rev. Maurice Clayton, Jackson; Dr. C. B. Hamlet III, and Dr. Clayton Sullivan, both of Hattiesburg.

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